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Major bids for unity as Right plans onslaught

■ John Major will today try to set out a positive Conservative agenda before he faces a new onslaught over the Maastricht treaty in the Lords next week

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major will today begin a fight to regain his political authority as confidence in his leadership falls to its lowest ebb and fresh troubles pile up for him over Europe and from the disaffected Right.

As he seeks today to set out an agenda to unite his party, the prime minister is already bracing himself for a renewed onslaught from Lady Thatcher and Lord Tebbit over pressure from some EC leaders for deeper European integration after Maastricht.

At the same time, he has been given a warning of a rightwing backbench fightback against the control exerted by the leftwing cabinet ministers Kenneth Clarke, Douglas Hurd and Michael Heseltine over economic, foreign and industrial policy. Edward Leigh, the industry minister dismissed last week, spoke of the right sitting "beleaguered in isolated fortresses" of the government



and said there was a need to build up an "alternative force" on the backbenches to put forward tough, positive and coherent policies.

In an article in *The Times* today, Mr Leigh tells Mr Major that the country is crying out for strong leadership and a sense of purpose, aching for sound Conservative policies. He calls for a new generation to carry forward the baton of Thatcherism, having complained in *The Spectator*: "Today we have a regime unwilling to tolerate dissent and afraid of views different from its own. There is little respect for the judgment of others, and I was one of the others."

Tory loyalists are also nervously awaiting Norman Lamont's resignation speech, in which he is expected to confirm that he offered to step down as Chancellor after Black Wednesday. Although he is not expected to make a direct attack on Mr Major, the content of what is likely to be a stout defence of his tenure of the Treasury could prove embarrassing.

As the fallout from the reshuffle continued yesterday, figures from a devastating new Gallup opinion poll suggested that far from boosting the government, the changes had damaged it further. The poll, in today's *Daily Telegraph*, shows the Tories trailing Labour by 24 points and that Mr Major is held in lower esteem than any prime minister since the organisation began polling in 1938.

Only 21 per cent of those questioned were satisfied with the way Mr Major was doing his job, and his troubles cannot be attributed to a particularly difficult period politically: even during the "winter of discontent", James Callaghan's ratings was much higher. Support for the Conservatives has meanwhile dropped by five points to 25 per cent from a month ago — and they are now only two points ahead of the Liberal Democrats. The only time Gallup recorded a bigger Labour lead was at the height of the poll tax furore in 1990.

Today, Mr Major will try to recapture the initiative in his speech to the Tory women's conference in London by emphasising the bedrock Tory values that won the Conservatives the general election only a year ago. He will follow it up with another key address to the Welsh party conference next Friday.

Mr Major's European problems have meanwhile been exacerbated by fears that the Belgian government, which takes over the rotating EC presidency at the end of the month, is determined to pursue a strongly federalist agenda.

The worries have been enhanced by the way it has portrayed an expected special EC summit to be held in the autumn as a means of relaunching the goal of European union. The summit, which will be considered by national leaders in Copenhagen in two weeks' time, has already been discussed by officials from all EC countries.

Far from seeing it as a further step towards European integration, Mr Major and his colleagues regard it as a necessary forum for discussing what Britain regards as the most positive elements of the Maastricht treaty: subsidiar-

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Death blaze: fire boats in action on all sides of the *British Trent* after the collision off the Belgian coast

BY TIM JONES AND TOM WALKER IN OSTEND

SEVEN crew members were killed and two more were feared dead after a BP tanker and a cargo ship collided in the Channel yesterday. Marine accident investigators will today board the smouldering hulk of the tanker *British Trent* to try to find the cause of the collision, which started a fierce fire. One survivor of the accident, nine miles off Ostend, Belgium, claimed that lives could have been saved if the crew had been ordered to abandon ship rather than trying to fight the blaze. As flames from the tanker rose 100ft into the air, rescue tugs struggled to tow her away from the main shipping lanes and an exclusion zone was imposed to keep ships and aircraft away. The accident, the worst in the world's busiest sea lanes since the *Herald of Free Enterprise* sank with the loss of nearly 200 lives, led to immediate calls for international maritime safety standards to be examined. John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, said: "Europe could impose its own convention so that all our waters can come under our control and standards of safety." The accident occurred in thick fog during the early hours of yesterday morning when the Bermuda-registered tanker, loaded with 24,000 tonnes of unleaded petrol, was in collision with

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BA pilots vote by 5-1 for a strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Airways pilots have voted 5-1 in favour of a strike. News of their ballot leaked out last night as airline and union leaders met in an attempt to avert a 24-hour stoppage today by BA cabin crew and ground staff.

Talks between the airline and the TGWU transport union were adjourned hours before the strike was due to begin at midnight so that negotiators could consult local representatives. Union leaders pressed the company to suspend its plans to add services to its low-cost Gatwick subsidiary, for assurances over further subsidiary companies and for guarantees on the pay and conditions of current BA staff.

While BA managers made clear that they were unwilling to reach a settlement now which might jeopardise future operations, the company last night put a formula for resolving the dispute to the union for consideration.

Robert Ayling, group managing director, said: "I believe that many people who are members of the union and who work at BA will come to work."

The Balpa ballot will show 2,153 pilots in favour of a strike, with only 402 against, in a poll of 92 per cent of the union's BA members. A strike would be the pilots' first stoppage for 14 years. The union will today call for an immediate resumption of talks with the company on the basis of the strike ballot.

Managers will be taken aback by the size of the majority in a traditionally moderate union. It is opposed to differential payments for pilots working for the BA subsidiary at Gatwick, formed following the takeover of Dan Air.

Chris Darke, Balpa general secretary, said: "The massive

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Lloyd's facing new legal controls

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

LLOYD'S of London has until the end of the year to sort out its problems before facing legislation to end its jealously guarded self-regulatory status, a senior backbench Conservative MP said.

Sir Richard Body, MP for Holland with Boston and a name with big losses at Lloyd's, said yesterday that "a clear majority" of his colleagues now believe Lloyd's should be brought within the City's regulatory mainstream. It was exempted from the financial services act, which has regulated the City since the mid 1980s, partly on the grounds that its long history of self regulation made it a special case. An act granting Lloyd's powers of self regulation was passed in 1982.

Sir Richard said the new senior management of Lloyd's was on a year's probation to convince MPs that the insurance market could set its own house in order. By January 1 MPs would want to be convinced that Sir Brian Garraway, the new head of regulation at Lloyd's, was expelling the "naughty boys and nincompoops" from the market and that a settlement of outstanding litigation was on the way. If these conditions were not met then pressure from constituents would make legislation inevitable, Sir Richard said.

His views were echoed by Paul Marland, the Conservative MP for Gloucestershire West and another financially badly hit name. He said there was "considerable interest" among MPs for a new Lloyd's bill.

However, Henry Bellingham, the Tory MP for Norfolk North West, said he believed a combination of the new Lloyd's management, tax measures announced in the Budget and the improving insurance market would be sufficient to see off the threat off legislation. "We have a perfectly good Lloyd's act already in place," he said.

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House prices falling again, says Halifax

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE Halifax building society reported yesterday that house prices fell 1.2 per cent in May, dashing earlier hopes that the market had turned the corner.

The figures contradict those of the Nationwide building society, which earlier this week said prices rose 1 per cent last month. But analysts give greater weight to the Halifax index because it is based on a larger sample. The analysts expect prices to continue to fluctuate for several months.

The fall detected by the Halifax comes after the sharp rises it reported of 1.4 per cent in March and 1.7 per cent in April. Gary Marsh of the Halifax said: "Although house prices remain set to move on to a generally rising trend over the next few months, at this stage in the cycle monthly falls are still possible."

Sellers needed to set realistic prices if sales were to be achieved, he said, adding: "This will prevent any strong upsurge in house prices."

☐ Despite the continuing housing recession, falling rates for savers helped building societies maintain profits last year. The 87 UK societies generated pre-tax profits of £2 billion in 1992, the same as in 1991, the Council of Mortgage Lenders said.

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Tabloids put boot in to Taylor

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

NO turnip heads for Graham Taylor yesterday morning, just the sickening thud of tabloid boot on manager's face. Reactions to England's 2-0 defeat by Norway in their world cup qualifier on Wednesday night ranged from the mildly offensive "Vike off now, Taylor" and "Norse Manure" to the thundering "Get Out" and cataclysmic "End of the World". In Norway, *Arbeiderbladet*, the socialist daily, described Graham Taylor as "full of tears, a broken man".

Overnight, in an orgy of mockery and outrage, England were condemned as Taylor's dummies, Oslo-rans, quitters, a national disgrace. In a favourite tabloid ploy, Taylor's job was put on the line in a telephone poll, the footballing equivalent of the Newbury by-election. "Should he go? Yes or no?"

Savage though his treatment has been, Taylor is only following in distinguished footsteps. In fact, his first call today should have been to Norman Lamont, the former chancellor of the Exchequer, or to Bobby Robson, his predecessor as England manager, both of whom claim to have been victims of orchestrated press campaigns.

Robson, though, had the last laugh by taking his team, magically transformed into heroes, to the semi-final of the World Cup in 1990.

On a dark day, it was left to a newcomer to provide hope for the future and to a name from the past to revive a memory of sporting greatness.

In the Old Trafford Test, Peter Such, one Essex man, came to the rescue of another, his County and England skipper, Graham Gooch, by taking three late wickets to reduce Australia to 242-5 at the close; while in the Dunhill British Masters at Woburn Tony Jacklin leads the field with a five under par round of 67.

Jacklin, a former British and US Open champion and the captain of the team which brought the Ryder Cup back to Europe, is 48. Now there's a *real* hero.

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RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS.



THE FAMOUS GROUSE
FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY
QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE.

Union discontent with Smith boils over

GMB chief to fire harsh broadside at lacklustre Labour

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

LABOUR'S lacklustre performance since John Smith's election as leader will come under fire at the weekend from the leader of one of the party's largest unions. The move will bring to the surface discontent in the party about how badly Labour is doing against the government.

The searching criticisms of Labour's performance will be made by John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, in the most public manifestation so far of concern within Labour about the party leadership.

The attack — likely to be the most far-reaching since Labour's unions overwhelmingly elected Mr Smith less than a year ago as party leader — will worsen the dispute between Labour and the unions over their current links and new forms of democracy.

While Mr Edmonds will not direct his attack personally at Mr Smith, who is sponsored by the GMB, his criticisms will be widely seen as reflecting the disappointment and disillusionment in parts of the party of Mr Smith's achievements as opposition leader, especially against what is seen as the relatively easy target of a government in difficulty.

Close supporters of Mr Smith are privately highly critical of Mr Edmonds for what they see as attempts to throw his weight around inside the party, and his attack on Labour's performance will clearly worsen relations between the party leader and one of Labour's key union financial supporters.

In the opening speech to his union's annual conference in Portsmouth on Sunday, Mr Edmonds is expected to criticise Labour's lack of focus, clarity, consistency and urgency. He is likely to attack what the GMB sees as undue caution and defensiveness, and to say that Labour is failing to offer the public strong, clear and positive messages and reasons to vote for it.

Mr Edmonds will suggest that in concentrating on such questions as Maastricht, which the GMB believes is important in parliament but has little public impact, Labour is stressing the wrong issues.

Mr Edmonds' speech is expected to contrast the Labour leadership's performance with the energy and drive of President Bill Clinton's election campaign, and will use the Democrats' slogan of "It's the economy, stupid" to show what Labour should be concentrating on.

In what he will say is a reflection of growing union membership unhappiness with the party over the last five or six months, Mr Edmonds will single out Labour's ineffectiveness over unemployment. Labour should be promoting the direct reduction of unemployment to stimulate economic growth.

GMB leaders privately accept that a number of individual Labour leaders — including Tony Blair on crime and Robin Cook on coal and arms to Iraq — have performed well, but that there is no coherent strategy from the centre co-ordinating and directing even such impressive personal performances.

At the conference, which Mr Smith has not been invited to speak at, Mr Edmonds is also expected to spell out proposals for reforming the Labour-union link. This will centre around a deal under which individual union political levy payers will be balloted on leadership and parliamentary elections.

☐ Michael Howard, the home secretary, yesterday urged the opposition to disown itself from the "ridiculous decision" allegedly made by a Labour council to ban the extension of closed circuit crime-prevention TV cameras.

In a letter to Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, Mr Howard said it was an extraordinary decision by Birmingham City Council, adding: "Both police and public are fully behind the idea."

However, Mr Blair's office said no such decision had been reached.

Pay deals decline to average 2.6%

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

PAY increases are "decisively" lower than at any time during the 1980s, according to figures on wage deals that show settlements averaging 2.6 per cent.

Although the latest survey by the independent Industrial Relations Services pay monitor shows that most pay deals are still ahead of inflation, the continuing decline in the level of pay rises will be welcomed by government ministers and business leaders.

In the three months to the end of April, a key wage negotiating period, pay awards covering 2.5 million employees fell to 2.6 per cent, compared with 4.5 per cent a year ago. That is the lowest since IRS began compiling pay deal figures nine years ago. More than four out of five deals monitored were lower than 12 months before.

Last year, it appeared the downward trend in settlements was levelling off after falling from 9.5 per cent in the summer of 1990, the highest recorded by IRS. Basic pay increases are now just over half the 5 per cent floor for deals seen in the 1980s.

The low figures to April reflect, in part, the government's 1.5 per cent public sector pay policy, IRS says.

Basic pay rises in the private sector, the survey says, are down from 3 per cent in the three months to end-March to 2.75 per cent in the three months to end-April. A quarter of all awards across the economy in that period were worth 1.5 per cent or less, including a number of pay freezes. But about 70 per cent were for rises above the headline rate of inflation.

In spite of the "modest" economic recovery under way, the study does not suggest any likelihood of a pick-up in pay settlements over the coming months, as relatively low inflation, continuing fears about job security and a weak recovery combine to contain pay rises.

☐ British Rail today offered 115,000 staff a take-it-or-leave-it 1.5 per cent pay rise. Aslef, the train drivers' union, said it would recommend acceptance reluctantly. The RMT union will consider the offer over the next few days.

Paul Watkinson, BR personnel director, told the unions the offer was the best that could be made. "Given the circumstances within which the industry is currently trading, a pay increase even of the order offered can only be met with great difficulty."

The deal, backdated to April 5, means an extra £3.10 a week for drivers, taking their pay to £210.65, and £2.15 for typical station staff, who receive £146 a week.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Prison visitor: Michael Howard, the home secretary, touring Brixton jail, south London, yesterday. Inmates shouted and threw water from an upper landing and Prison Officers Association representatives refused to meet him, accusing his predecessors of hypocrisy and fearing that 100 jobs could be lost within two years

70,000 BA passengers may be grounded by pilot strike

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

THE travel plans of up to 70,000 British Airways passengers may be thrown into chaos today because of problems confronting BA in its attempt to cut the cost of its Gatwick operation.

Morale within the airline, already shaken by the long-running dispute with Virgin Atlantic, is now at rock bottom, with widespread suspicion of management plans and assurances. Warnings that the entire Gatwick operation could be closed down because of spiralling losses have so far fallen on deaf ears.

BA had hoped to be able to cut the cost of its 6,000-strong Gatwick labour force by up to 30 per cent, so eliminating a £50 million loss from operations accrued at the airport last year. Central to this policy was the takeover of loss-making Dan Air, which paid its staff much lower salaries than BA. If scheduled operations from Gatwick were to become viable, said BA, they had at least to match the Dan Air labour costs and possibly better them.

As a key plank of the attack on costs, BA created a subsidiary operation at Gatwick and intended paying everyone lower wages than those paid to the existing "mainstream" British Airways staff. Newcomers were offered salaries well below their predecessors', with, for example, a first officer getting £20,000 a year instead of £24,600. Similar reductions were to have been imposed on cabin staff, ground staff, clerical and cargo workers.

Existing staff were then given the option of transferring to short-haul operations at Heathrow on their existing salaries, moving to long-haul from Gatwick, or of accepting the lower rates of pay applicable to the Gatwick subsidiary.

The ground and cabin staff unions were outraged and held a ballot on possible strike action throughout the airline, claiming that BA had a "hidden agenda" for similar cuts throughout the network. BA flatly denied that it had such plans and said that no one need take a pay cut, although some staff would have to transfer to other bases and new employees would be offered lower rates. Half those balloted responded and of those, 62 per cent backed a strike — not enough, according to BA, to warrant action.

Now pilots have voted for a strike by a majority of five to one, in a ballot to which 92 per cent responded. It is indicative of the collapse of confidence in management that the unions, themselves seeking to regain strength and power, have been able to gather this level of support.

The pilots' vote may ground BA's worldwide fleet for the first time in 14 years.

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BA pilots vote by 5-1 for a strike

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response and overwhelming majority for strike action shows pilots' deep dissatisfaction with the way BA are seeking to impose changes without agreement."

As yesterday's negotiations went on, BA began taking steps to try to minimise the effect of a strike. The airline began cancelling long-haul services, starting with a flight to London from Australia, and began booking passengers with other airlines.

The airline's difficulties worsened when leaders of the GMB general union said that their white-collar BA members at Gatwick — mainly computer operators — would strike for 24 hours from midnight in a move which, regardless of the TGWU's action, would seriously impair BA's ability to sell tickets for its services. David Warburton, GMB national officer, said: "The strike is designed to cause least inconvenience to the public and maximum embarrassment to BA."

The one-day strike was called on Wednesday after a ballot. Of the 8,500 who replied, 62 per cent were in favour of strike action.

The unions say tomorrow's strike, if it goes ahead, will disrupt the airline's operations severely worldwide, but BA insisted that its fleet would not be grounded by the action.

It said "contingency plans" would enable it to operate more than half its intercontinental services and a "considerable number" of European and domestic flights.

In brief

Ford and Rover raise car war stakes

Two of Britain's biggest car companies last night raised the stakes in the war for customers with multi-million-pound "exchange or return" schemes (Kevin Eason writes). The deals announced by Rover and Ford will allow customers to swap their cars if they do not like them.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, announced the plans yesterday as Rover gave details of its own scheme. Buyers unhappy with their new Rover can exchange it or get their money back in the first 30 days or within 1,000 miles, starting on June 15. Ford says it will replace a car or commercial vehicle if it has a "persistent defect".

Children in TB check

Health officials were yesterday contacting the parents of up to 500 children treated at the Countess of Chester Hospital and at community clinics by a doctor who has developed tuberculosis. The danger that any of the children will have contracted TB is small, Mersey Regional Health Authority said. Skin tests are being arranged after the doctor showed TB symptoms and stopped work. If any children are infected, antibiotic treatment should prove effective. The doctor is being treated and will return to work.

Teeth found in fire

Teeth found among human remains in the ashes of a bonfire at Chorley, Lancashire, have been confirmed as those belonging to Gary Pettitt, 25, from Merseyside, who vanished five weeks ago with his girl friend, Jean Larkin, 24. Police believe that they were murdered by a drugs gang before their bodies were burned.

Shell puts petrol up

Shell raised petrol prices by 2p a litre, claiming that the increase (amounting to about 9p per gallon) was necessary because prices had been held below many competitors' for seven weeks. Unleaded now costs 51.9p per litre (£2.36 per gallon) and 4-star is 56.9p per litre (£2.58 a gallon). Diesel rose to 50.9p per litre (£2.31 per gallon).

Leakey hurt in air crash



Richard Leakey, right, head of the Kenya Wildlife Service, is recovering but still "very sick" after the small aircraft he was piloting crashed in a field about 20 miles from Nairobi. A Nairobi Hospital spokesman said doctors had operated on Mr Leakey, 48, after his five-seater aircraft crashed on Wednesday after mechanical problems. Four other people on board suffered minor injuries.

Queen's designer dies

Ian Thomas, one of the Queen's dressmakers, died in the Princess Grace hospital in London on Wednesday after a second heart bypass operation, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Thomas, who was 64 and unmarried, had designed for the Queen for more than 20 years; including her outfits for the weddings of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York.

£10,000 racism award

The tyre and exhaust group Kwik-Fit was ordered to pay £10,000 compensation to Robert Young, 40, for racial discrimination. Mr Young, from Upper Norwood, south London, who is black, told an industrial tribunal in Croydon that he suffered 18 months of racist abuse before he was sacked from his job as branch manager.

Zimbabwe visit

The Princess of Wales is to pay a four-day working visit to Zimbabwe next month. Her trip is likely to include visits to projects set up for children and old people driven from their homes by war in Mozambique, or hit by the persistent drought. The princess will also visit centres for people suffering from leprosy. Libby Purves, page 17

Unpredictable Thatcherite who turned to Heseltine

By Philip Webster
chief political correspondent

OF THE dozen or so junior ministers who are thought to have considered resigning over Maastricht, Edward Leigh was always the most likely to do so.

It will forever be a matter of regret to him that he did not follow his conscience and vote against the legislation, and instead left himself in a position where he could be sacked from the government.

The MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, who was a trade and industry minister until Mr Major called him into Downing Street eight days ago, has never been predictable.

A highly intelligent right-winger, Mr Leigh was one of the true Thatcherite believers. On the day she was to resign in November 1990, Mr Leigh woke up at 4am with what he calls a premonition of disaster.

He went to No 10 in the hope of making a final attempt to persuade Mrs Thatcher to fight the second ballot, but she had clearly made up her mind.

Yet Mr Leigh was to astonish his colleagues on the right by declaring his support for Michael Heseltine in the second ballot. He is unrepentant about that decision. "I thought he was the best of the bunch in terms of leadership material," he said. "But I do still believe that if she had stood she would have won the second ballot."

Mr Leigh was the leading player in organising meetings of Euro-sceptic ministers to discuss the Maastricht bill. It was the disclosure in *The Times* that one such gathering, organised after the Danish referendum, had been attended by the cabinet ministers Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo that underlined the scale of high-level dissent to the bill.

When they toyed with the idea of resignation as a way of stopping the Maastricht treaty bill, the majority opinion among Mr Leigh and his colleagues — most from the



Leigh: now aims to mobilise the right

No Turning Back group — was that it would be a futile gesture.

Another irony surrounded Mr Leigh's role. When defeat loomed for the government in the Maastricht "paving" debate last November, it was he who came up with the ruse that was eventually to save the day. Mr Leigh went to see Mr Heseltine and told him that the way to buy off some of the softer rebels would be to delay the third reading vote until after the second Danish referendum.

On the night, Mr Major was told by the whips that he was going to lose. But even as the division took place, he and Mr Heseltine put the emergency plan into action. With the pledge suggested by Mr Leigh, they "turned" enough doubters, MPs such as Michael Carttiss and Vivian Bendall, for certain defeat to be turned into victory with seconds to spare.

His objective now will be to mobilise the right to win the intellectual high ground in the internal Conservative battle of ideas. "In the early 1970s Margaret Thatcher, John Biffen, Nick Ridley and Keith Joseph worked on the ideas that the Thatcher government was later to put into practice. We have to do that again by arguing for a Europe of nation states cooperating together, promoting choice and competition in the delivery of public services like health and education, tackling the problem of the dependency state."

Mr Leigh was pleased with the tribute Mr Major gave him as he sacked him last Thursday. "You are a man of conviction," he said. "I would admire you less if you were not. You cannot change."

They are words he will remember over the years ahead. He has vowed never again to vote against his conscience. With the government's majority in danger of falling to 17 at Christchurch, Mr Leigh will have cause, on occasion, to lower it further.

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ity, enlargement, and giving greater impetus to the structure of inter-governmental co-operation. "This cannot be portrayed as some great move towards federalism," a senior British official said last night.

Nevertheless, the fact that some European leaders are speaking with renewed confidence of moves towards union was immediately seized upon by the Eurosceptics and will be deployed by Lady Thatcher and others when the Lords debates the second reading of the Maastricht bill next Monday and Tuesday.

William Cash, the prominent Eurosceptic, said the summit call was proof of warnings by the sceptics that "by increasing threats Chancellor Kohl and his cohorts are driving Europe into a federal system". Mr Major should "make crystal clear we are having no part in this."

But Ian Taylor, a leading Tory pro-European, said the way the summit was being described was absurd. It would provide a splendid opportunity for positive British ideas on the development of the EC to be put forward.

Hugh Dykes, chairman of the European movement, said it was an excellent idea. "It is only Britain and Denmark who have been dragging their feet. We should now catch up with the others. Hesitations in the United Kingdom are quite barmy. There is no loss of sovereignty involved in European union, only greater sovereignty for the people. The British Parliament will have an even more important role to play in the future," he said.

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'I was thinking will I survive or drown? The water was full of petrol - there was fire everywhere'

Tanker crew tell of escape in blazing Channel

BY TOM WALKER IN OSTEND

SURVIVORS of the BP tanker accident told yesterday how they had to jump into the flaming waters of the Channel as fire swept along the ship's gangways, making escape by lifeboat impossible. They leapt into water awash with flames as oil from the tanker left a blazing slick 250 metres long and 10 metres wide.

Ian Rippon, 27, from Gosport, Hampshire, said that the crew tried to launch *British Trent's* lifeboats but were overwhelmed by the dense pall of acrid smoke and fast-moving flames. "We got everybody into the lifeboats but the smoke and fire were too bad. We couldn't see a thing and had to jump. It was pitch black. I was terrified and thought it was the end."

Last night Mr Rippon and his wife Allison, 31, who was also on board, were recovering with 19 other crew in the Henri Serruys Hospital in Ostend, Belgium. Most were suffering from minor burns, cuts and smoke inhalation. The captain, Stanley Montague, 48, from Chelmsford, Essex, and five crew seriously injured in the fire were being treated 20 miles away in St Jan Hospital, Bruges.

Capt Montague's first concern in hospital was the welfare of his crew, Capt Tim Hughes, BP Shipping's head of operations, said yesterday. "He was in a state of shock but very concerned about his officers and crew. He described himself as only slightly singed." Capt Montague, who has three children, has 30 years' sea experience.

Belgian officials yesterday praised the professionalism of the crew in dealing with the incident, although one crew member claimed that there had been no order to abandon ship and that vital minutes had been wasted trying to extinguish the fire.

Ross Newing, 33, a fourth engineer from Wales, said: "We should have abandoned ship immediately. As far as the lives of those on board the British tanker are concerned, there was no necessity for any loss of life." Speaking from hospital in Ostend, he said: "I was thinking will I survive, be burned alive, or will I drown. We got to the lifeboat side that wasn't burning but then the wind swung the ship around. The water was full of petrol — it was horrible, there was fire everywhere."

According to survivors, *British Trent* was hit amidships by *Western Winner*, waking most of the crew. Mr Rippon said: "I felt a shudder, opened the curtains and saw this ball of flame coming towards me. I threw Allison into the bathroom." Then the ship's horn sounded seven short and seven long blasts and the crew mustered on the starboard side, only for the wind to swing the crippled vessel round, sending flames towards the crew.

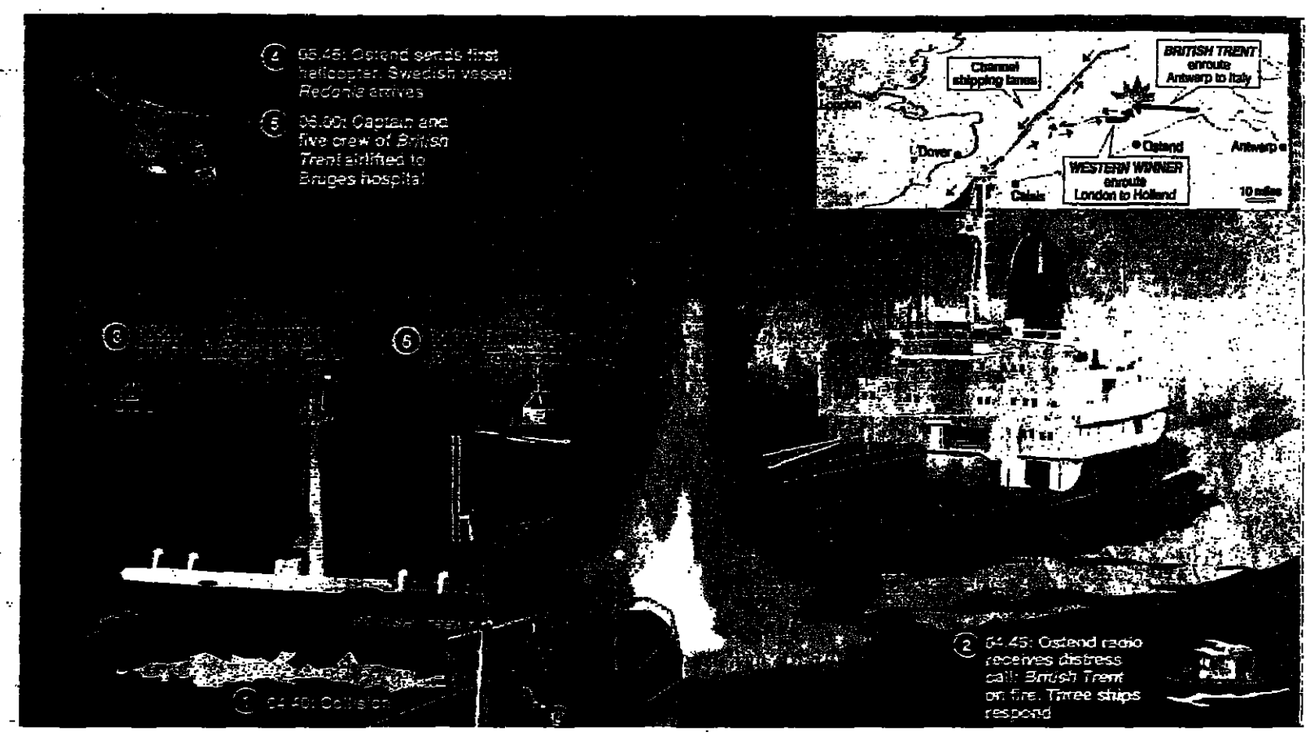
Sea Cadet Joanne Waddy, 19, from Hull, who was on her maiden voyage, said that she was trying to get into a lifeboat when a fireball came down the gangway, engulfing the lifeboat in flames. The captain had been helping the women on board into a life raft when an explosion forced everybody to jump. The captain and crew members had fought to contain the fire, before having to abandon ship.

Raymond Manton, 41, a second engineer from Cork, described how he had been blinded by smoke before jumping into the blazing sea. "I am lucky to be alive. I didn't know whether I was going to make it."

Jeff Dully, 22, from Letchworth, Hertfordshire, said: "It's the fastest 100 metres I've swum in my life. Everything was burning and there was debris everywhere in the sea. All along it was going through my head that this thing was going to go up and we were all going to be blown to smithereens."

Nicholas Newton, 19, a trainee sailor, said: "We all assembled by a lifeboat on the ship but we did not have time to lower it. No one could see anything so the only thing we could do was jump over the side."

Seven killed, page 1



Call to abandon ship 'might have saved more lives'

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Western Winner, a Panamanian-registered bulk carrier. The tanker burst into flames as its cargo began to pour out of a huge tear on its port side.

The crew jumped overboard, fearing the ship would explode, and swam for their lives after a fireball prevented them from launching lifeboats. Charles Demey, Ostend's chief maritime pilot, said: "Those who died were all burned to death in the blazing sea around the vessel."

One of those killed, chief officer Adrian Hirst, 25, from Fellgate, Tyne and Wear, was on the ship with his wife, Kathryn, who survived. Others killed were Robert Bold, 53, from York; John Gray, 53, from Sunderland; Kevin Kielthy, 48, from Wexford, Ireland; David Cox, 25, from Cork, Ireland; and two crewmen from Sierra Leone. Missing were Matthew Clements, 23, from Bournemouth and Georg Wesley, 39, from Sierra Leone.

None of the 24 crew of the *Western Winner*, from Korea and Burma, were injured. The ship has minor damage.

Ross Newing, 33, a fourth engineer on the tanker, from west Wales, claimed there need not have been any deaths. He said there had been no order to abandon ship and that before jumping overboard he and other crew members spent up to ten minutes trying to put the fire out. "We should have abandoned ship immediately. As far as the lives of those on board are concerned, there was no necessity for any loss of life," he said.

Capt Stanley Montague, 48, master of the *British Trent*, was last night interviewed by BP lawyers. But Capt Tim Hughes, head of operations, disputed the claim that there was no order to abandon ship. He said: "Capt Montague would have been very conscious of the safety of his officers and his crew, and I'm convinced that he would have done everything in his power to ensure that their safety was his highest priority."

Dr Les Atkinson, chairman of BP Shipping, said the company would carry out an enquiry and participate fully in any Belgian investigation.

Ships' masters foretold disaster

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 180,000 shipping movements a year make the English Channel and its approaches the most dangerous and complex seaway in the world.

Yesterday's tragedy, involving two foreign-flagged ships, is certain to fuel the debate over safety standards at sea. It could be months before an enquiry decides who, if anyone, is to blame.

Although every inch of the Channel has been charted, the narrow thoroughfare, described as the M25 of the ocean, requires extreme vigilance by masters and crew.

In spite of the sophistication of ships' radar equipment, evidence suggests that most collisions occur because of human error. Recently, *The Times* outlined growing concern over safety standards when it disclosed that ships' masters, in confidential reports, were horrified by what they described as appalling acts of seamanship. One of them outlined a potential disaster in the same area as yesterday's tragedy when an oncoming coaster, breaking every rule, cut into the path of four vessels.

Captain David Douglas, a navigation expert, said yesterday: "A lot of professional mariners are very concerned about the standards of watch-keeping at sea and also the standards of training of officers aboard ships, particularly ships which are under what we would call flags of convenience."

In its evidence to Lord Donaldson's enquiry into the disaster involving the Liberian-flagged *Braer* tanker, which ran aground off the Shetland Isles spilling 84,000 tonnes of crude oil, Numast, the ships officers' union, claimed safety had been jeopardised because owners were cutting costs by flying under flags of convenience. Numast referred to crews with little or no safety training who could not understand collision regulations and who could not even tie knots.

Joan Walley, shadow shipping minister, said: "The government can no longer hide behind a policy where ships are flagged out simply to reduce costs. A whole package of measures to improve safety and protect the environment is urgently needed."

David Harris, Tory MP for St Ives and president of the Sea Safety Group (UK), said that the collision added urgency to the need for new sea safety measures for shipping.



Safe harbour: an injured survivor from the tanker arriving at hospital in Ostend

Mother is found strangled

A YOUNG mother who was found strangled on waste ground was probably attacked so suddenly that she had no time to defend herself, police said yesterday.

A man walking to work discovered the body of Tracey Cowley, 24, near a railway embankment at Hednesford, Staffordshire, fully clothed and with a cord round her neck.

She left home on Wednesday evening to visit friends. Her husband Simon, 29, went to bed early with flu and failed to notice that she had not returned. The couple, who were unemployed, had a two-year-old daughter.

Det Supt Jeff Virgo, who is leading the murder hunt, said that the killer probably pounced from behind in a "random attack".

There was no sign of a struggle and she had not been sexually assaulted. Mr Virgo warned other women in the area to be on their guard. "We must be concerned that something like this might happen again," he said.

Headline deal rescues Hodder

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE publishing group Headline has taken over its rival Hodder & Stoughton in a landmark deal worth £48.9 million that will boost the independent publishing sector and protect one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious literary giants from the increasingly harsh winds of global competition.

The union will create an unusual cocktail of authors. Classic Hodder hardbacks such as *The Bible* and John le Carré thrillers will sit on the newly merged company's bookshelves alongside mass market titles from Headline such as *Cilla Black's Illustrated Autobiography* and *The Hello! Cookbook*.

Heavyweight novelists from the Hodder stable such as James Clavell and Melvyn Bragg will find themselves under the same publishing umbrella as Dr Andrew Stanway, author of Headline's *The Art of Sexual Intimacy*.

John le Carré, one of Hodder & Stoughton's best-known authors, described the merger as a lifeline. "It is a great sadness that Hodder & Stoughton could not continue on its own. If they had a fault, however, it was that they did not know how to hire flair. With this deal they have married flair."

In a letter to literary agents explaining the deal, Michael Attenborough, whose family has run Hodder for decades, said the prevailing "very competitive trading environment" had necessitated the merger.

As a private company, Hodder has lost best-selling authors such as Jeffrey Archer, James Herbert and Anthony Sampson to larger competitors in recent years.

Hodder will retain all of its imprints, while benefiting from the dynamic managerial and market-led publishing expertise built up by Headline since its launch seven years ago. The deal makes Headline Britain's second largest independent publisher after Macmillan.

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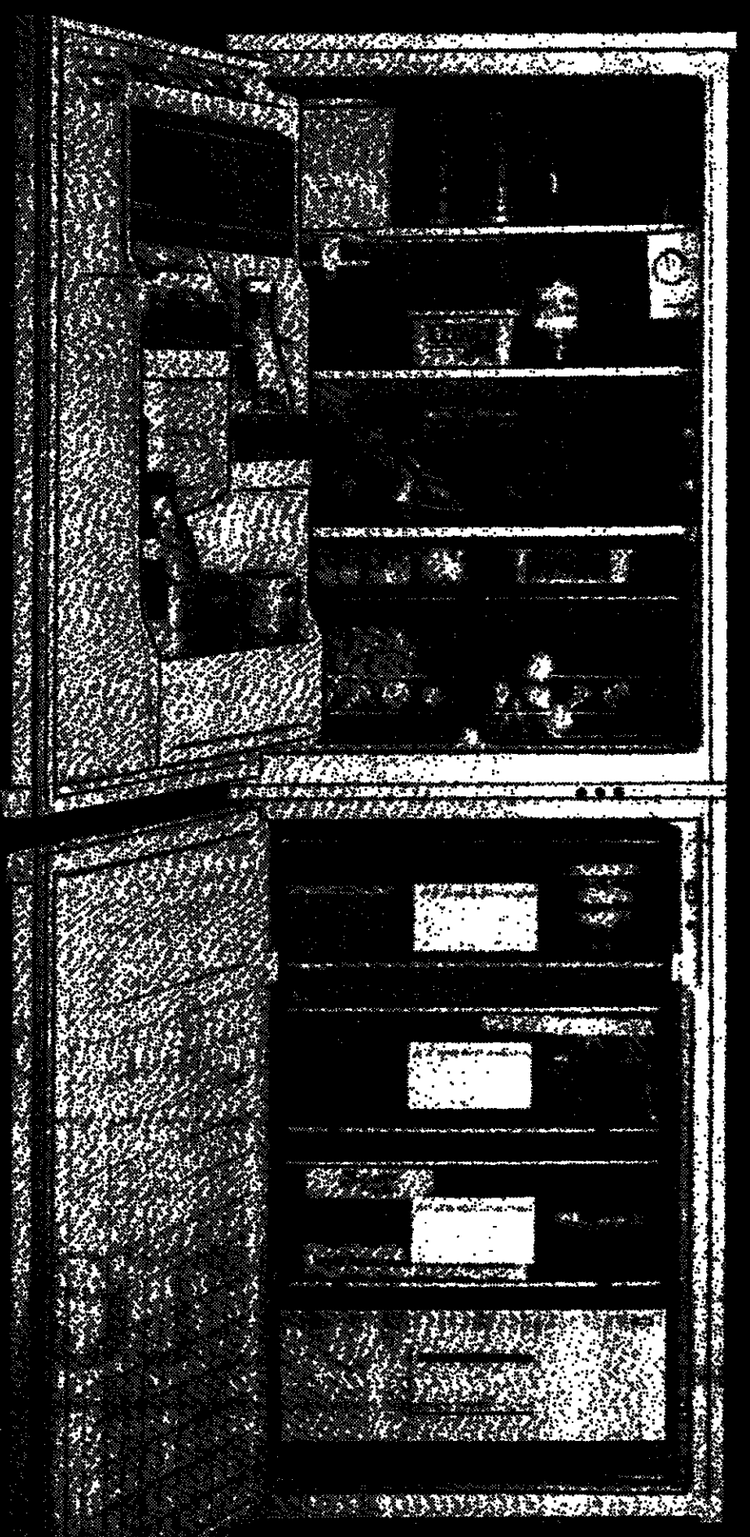
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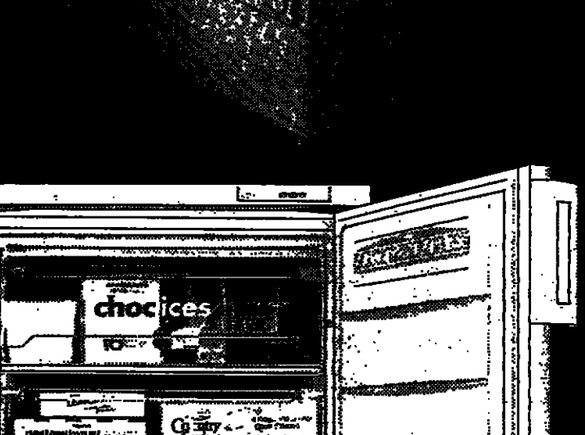


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Parents, governors and heads unite

School groups join forces against Patten

■ Independent research is needed to establish the validity of testing, according to the latest contribution to the debate

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE likelihood of the teachers' dispute extending into next year increased yesterday as head teachers, parents and governors fired a broadside at government education policy.

Organisations representing the three sectors demanded a period of calm to resolve the crisis. They said it might require the suspension of some of next summer's tests.

The most controversial of this year's tests — for 14-year-olds — are scheduled to start on Monday, but only a handful of schools are expected to implement them.

Yesterday's statement was issued jointly by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, the National Association of Governors and Managers and the National Co-ordinating Committee on Learning and Assessment, a group of 300 head teachers formed to oppose this summer's tests.

The groups call for wholesale changes in the government's "damaging and narrow" approach to testing and question the value of school examination league tables.

They seek greater flexibility, allowing teachers to judge when children are ready to sit particular tests, and an increased emphasis on teacher assessment of pupils. Their statement also calls for independent research to establish the validity of testing and dismisses league tables as an invalid measure of a school's effectiveness.

Ministers are relying on a review by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman designate of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, to resolve the dispute by streamlining the national curriculum and testing. Preliminary findings will be revealed next month and the full report is expected in December.

David Martin, convenor of the NCCLA, said the entire testing regime should be reassessed. "There are no easy, quick ways of building a testing system that is supposed to last for the next quarter of century. The time has come to stop tinkering with piecemeal change and to invest time building firm foundations.

"There are now serious question marks against the tests next year. It is difficult to see how Sir Ron can undertake a thorough review without the suspension of next summer's tests." Without a moratorium, teachers and children might be forced to prepare for one style of testing, only to find this was changed in December by the findings of Sir Ron's review.



Dropping in: abseiling marines promoting the tournament yesterday

Cuts force fewer days of Royal Tournament

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SWINGEING manpower cuts in the armed forces have struck at the core of military tradition. The annual Royal Tournament in London has been reduced from its usual 18 days to 12 because the 2,100 personnel involved in the services' largest regular public entertainment cannot be spared from their regular jobs for longer.

The cuts spell further trouble for a show already in financial difficulty because of a 40,000 drop in attendance last year. It was founded in 1880 to raise money for military charities, but last year the show made a loss of £150,000, and the £40,000 donation to charity had to be drawn from reserves.

The organisers are hoping for better fortunes when the tournament opens on July 20 at Earls Court. They hope that a spectacular recreation of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson, using ten model ships each 80ft high, and the ever-popular field-gun race, will fill most of the 250,000 seats. To bolster ailing finances, they have launched a national prize draw which they hope will contribute more than half of the £50,000 they plan to give to charity. A few years ago, the tournament was giving more than £100,000.

Col Iain Ferguson, the tournament director, said yesterday that shortening the run would make it more difficult to make a profit, but he had little choice because of the severe staff cuts caused by the government's Options for Change programme. The production costs remained the same while takings would be substantially reduced. He hoped that the show, the defence ministry's main public relations exercise, would continue, provided it was still able to attract public support.

Help is at hand from a foreign power once regarded as an enemy. For the first time, the Russian navy, which is this year celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding by Peter the Great, is providing a 70-strong band and 30 dancers to perform energetic Cossack routines.

Maj Michael Parker, the producer, who claims to think up acts while reclining in his bath listening to *The Archers*, yesterday made no apologies for replaying the great battle with the French in this year's show. "It is extremely important to celebrate naval tradition," he said.

His next production will be the opening of the Queen Mother memorial gates at Hyde Park on July 6. He plans a shower of 93,000 rose petals, 1,000 for each year of her life, picked by volunteers the night before.

D-Day anniversary, page 7

Embattled heads seek protection

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION REPORTER

HEAD teachers demanded more protection from violent pupils and parents yesterday after hearing their colleagues give first-hand accounts of assaults.

Charles Stubbin, head of a large primary school in Morecambe, Lancashire, told the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) that he was punched and headbutted last week by a "tattooed wonder, home from the oil rigs". The police could not prosecute because there were no witnesses.

Douglas Fallows, a primary head from Birkenhead, Merseyside, described an attack at a Christmas concert that left a head teacher unconscious. Another led to a suspended prison sentence for a mother.

The association is pursuing legal action in 30 cases of assault on its members. David Hart, the general secretary, said that private prosecutions would be supported where the police did not act, and more advice on dealing with violence was being given. A motion passed unanimously by the conference in Newcastle upon Tyne expressed concern at the growth of "physical and serious verbal attacks by parents, pupils and members of the public against members of the teaching profession and other staff members". A second motion called for the withdrawal of government plans to penalise schools for excluding pupils.

Mr Stubbin said that he was attacked when he went to the home of an 11-year-old boy who was to be excluded for persistent bullying. A muscular man appeared as he knocked on the door. "He got hold of me, banged my head against the wall, punched me once, pulled me towards him and headbutted me on the cheek." The teacher was then pulled into the house and confronted by four members of the family. "It was a very frightening situation. It took ten minutes to talk my way out of the house."

The family told police that he had been invited in for a friendly chat. The police said a successful prosecution would be impossible without witnesses, although Lancashire County Council is considering taking up the case. "I don't want sympathy, I don't want lectures," Mr Stubbin said. "I want protection. I want support and understanding."

John Patten, the education secretary, in his speech to the conference on Wednesday, spoke of "disgraceful incidents we have witnessed recently of teachers being attacked and abused by unruly pupils". He said that the teacher training proposals he is due to unveil next week would address the problem by placing more emphasis on the maintenance of discipline in the classroom.



Patten: pledge to stop disgraceful incidents

Ministry accused over horse disease

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE agriculture ministry faces demands for damages after the first outbreak in Britain of a highly contagious horse disease. Breeders and vets say that tougher import controls could have kept it out.

Forty stud farms and other premises have been closed in the Midlands in an attempt to contain equine viral arteritis (EVA), which can be transmitted in semen and via the respiratory tract.

As the British horse population has no natural immunity, it is feared that the disease could spread rapidly, threatening the multi-million pound bloodstock industry.

Although the flu-like disease is seldom fatal, except in foals, it can cause mares to abort and up to 60 per cent of infected stallions remain carriers for the rest of their lives. They have to be shot or castrated.

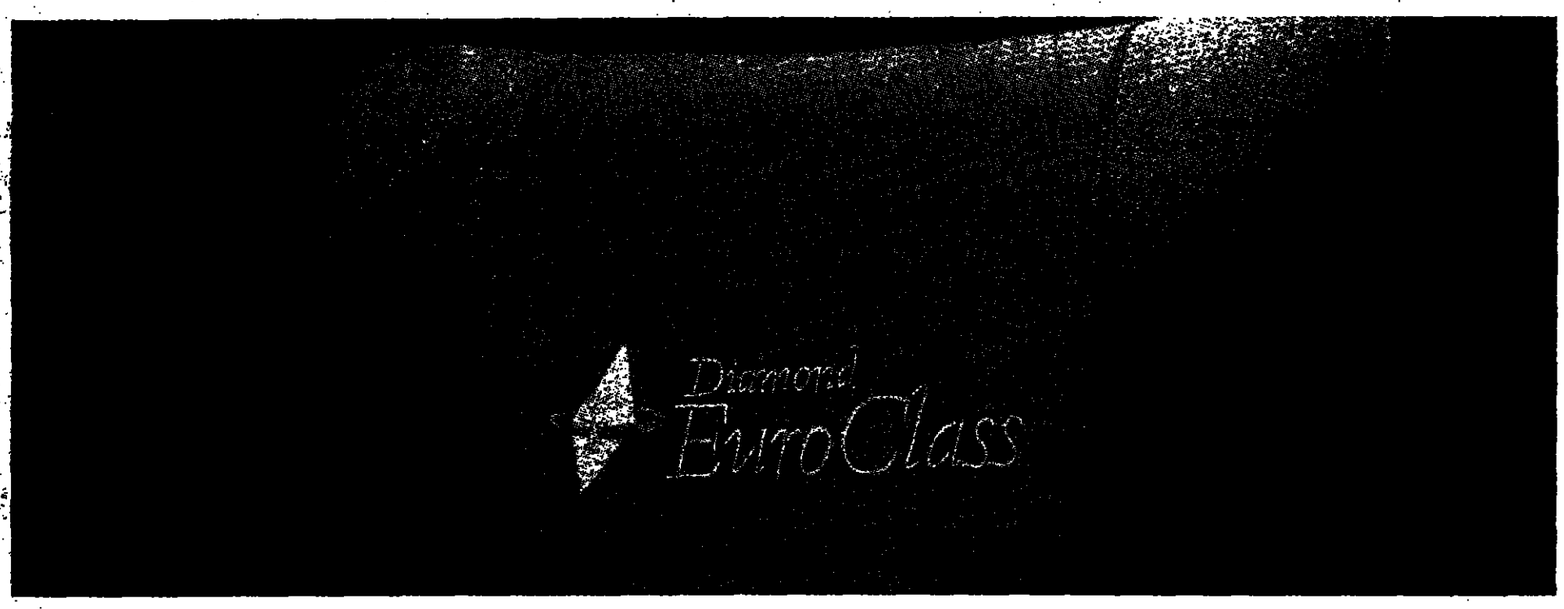
The Animal Health Trust, an independent charity based at Newmarket, Suffolk, has tested blood samples from more than 300 animals and found 80 to be infected. Although none was a thoroughbred, owners, breeders, vets and representatives of racing's governing bodies agreed at a meeting in the London headquarters of the Jockey Club yesterday to run health checks on all animals attending events and showjumping competitions within 20 miles of the main area of infection.

Most of the infected horses are in isolation at Manor Farm Stud in Widmerpool, Nottinghamshire, where the disease was first detected. The stud's owner, Geoff Brooks, said: "I am effectively finished as a stud business. I reckon that the disease will cost me £100,000 in lost income. The question is where I am going to get any compensation from."

The disease is thought to have been introduced into Britain in an Anglo-Arab stallion imported from Poland last September and sold to Mr Brooks two months later. Two of his other three stallions have caught the disease.

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Police swarm on suspects in dawn raids as Operation Bumblebee gets into full flight

MARTIN BEDDALL



Sting in the tail: an empty flat was the disappointing reward of all the strenuous efforts uniformed and plain-clothed officers employed to gain entry, from kicking and prising with a crowbar to smashing the door with a sledge-hammer

385 arrested in London blitz on burglary

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWO thousand police officers raided hundreds of homes across London yesterday, in the latest stage of Scotland Yard's battle against burglars in the capital. Officers from every London station carried out simultaneous raids on 617 addresses, including homes and second-hand shops, seized stolen property and detained suspects.

Last night, 385 people had been arrested and handguns, ammunition, heroin, stolen credit cards, passports and cheque books were among property seized in each of London's eight police divisions. The raids were the biggest operation against burglars in the capital and are part of Operation Bumblebee, a campaign that aims to curb break-ins, which last year occurred in London once every three minutes.

Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, rejected criticism that some of the intelligence on which the operation had been based was inadequate. He said: "Whenever you carry out a series of raids for anything, there will be a hit and miss element to it. It is a fact of life. It is not particularly disappointing. The aim of this operation is for burglars to feel some of the fear they have generated with law-abiding members of the public in the past."

Police officers are confident that the campaign against burglaries, which is costing £500,000, will not result in the thieves switching their attention to homes and commercial premises in the home counties.

At 6am yesterday, at Harrow Road police station in northwest London, ten detectives and six uniformed officers were already preparing for their part in the operation. As the rest of London slowly stirred to life, Det Insp Andrew Rennison and his colleagues studied the photographs and criminal records of three men wanted for questioning about burglaries.

■ **Police deny that their battle against burglary will simply force the thieves out into the shires**

He told them the scale of burglary in a division that includes the tourist area of Bayswater Road, the wealth of Maida Vale, parts of Queen's Park and the large Mozart, Bourne and Warwick housing estates. Its population is estimated at 50,000 to 60,000, doubling during the tourist season. A burglary squad of 12 officers has recently been formed and the division's task is to cut the number of recorded burglaries, which reached 2,300 in 1992. The rate of increase this year is 17 per cent.

Police activity was centred on three suspects, including a young man on bail for an alleged burglary in Buckinghamshire. Although the suspect was due to report to Harrow Road police station on Tuesday and was 'due' there yesterday afternoon, the police defended the decision to go to his home to arrest him in connection with an alleged burglary last December. They said that stolen property might be hidden in the flat. An informant had told the police of his alleged involvement in a local burglary.

Shortly before 6.30am, Det Sgt Tim Homer and Det Con Mark Chesworth checked the address in west Kilburn and were driven to the terraced house. Once in the entrance hall, the two uniformed officers banged on the flat's front door and shouted that they were police. Mr Chesworth clambered onto a narrow ledge to see if the windows were open as a series of thuds indicated that the officers were trying to barge open the door and then kick it down.

Across the street, a curtain in a council flat was pulled back as one officer called for a crowbar to try and smash through a door that would have delighted any crime prevention officer. "It's a good old door," one officer shouted as five minutes of kicking and battering ended in failure. "He don't want to be burgled, does he," Mr Homer said.

The other residents in the flats were apparently oblivious to the exertion and noise coming from the hall. A crowbar proved useless against the door lock. Undeterred, the officers called for a sledge-hammer to complete the task. The door broke open to the sound of splintering wood and cheers from the police. Even though the suspect was not at home, the officers checked all the rooms, searching for stolen property. The door will be repaired at the taxpayers' expense.

In spite of their failure to detain the man, there was better news for senior officers with the detention of another suspect in south London, who they claimed was an active burglar and handler of stolen property.

Reports highlight threat to doctors and patients



Bogle: horrified at scale of problem

GPs face growing violence

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DOCTORS are being attacked and threatened by patients far more frequently than had been realised, a report based on a survey of 2,000 London GPs disclosed yesterday. More than one in 12 inner-city GPs have been assaulted during the past two years, by patients or their relatives and friends.

Doctors' leaders believe that the level of violence in the capital is reflected throughout Britain. Male doctors are most at risk, with 9 per cent reporting one or more assaults. Seven per cent of women doctors had been attacked. Threats were made to 40 per cent of GPs.

Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the general medical services committee of the British Medical Association, said yesterday that he was horrified by the scale of the violence, which had been disclosed for the first time.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has agreed to set up a working group to address the issue, which is being linked with a general rise in violence.

The survey comes a week after a 64-year-old family doctor was shot in Kent by a man said to have blamed him for his mother's death. Recently the BMA issued guidelines, telling GPs how to defuse violent situations.

Intensive care babies 'live in fear of pain'

BY NICK NUTTALL

MANY young children who spend long periods in intensive care live in daily fear of painful treatment because some nurses and doctors are failing to administer sedatives or painkillers, researchers have found.

The research team was led by David Southall, professor of paediatrics at the North Staffordshire Hospital Centre in Stoke-on Trent. He said yesterday that the study had been carried out to highlight the attention that needed to be drawn to this area. "It is really very disturbing."

More than 1,000 young children are believed to be in intensive care, some for up to nine months. More than 180 procedures, which included taking blood samples and performing minor operations, were studied over a six-month period at a London hospital. The 55 patients were aged, on average, just over a year and were suffering from a variety of conditions.

The researchers found that around a third of the procedures were carried out without sedatives or painkillers; in more than 30 cases, the child grimaced or cried.

Professor Southall said there was evidence that some children in intensive care developed signs of psychological trauma similar to children who had been physically abused.

He said: "Some children have needles stuck in them every day and sometimes trying to get a needle in takes ten attempts. Every time they see a nurse or doctor coming, they recoil in horror at what they will have to go through."

The researchers believe that part of the problem is the inability of children to communicate their need for painkillers. In addition, health staff often fail to treat a child in intensive care as a whole person, concentrating instead on their heart, lung or kidneys.

Professor Southall cited a case where a child was given curare, a drug that causes total paralysis. He said that painful procedures were carried out but that no painkillers or sedatives were given "because they are not moving, so it is assumed they do not feel it".

Often children spending long periods in intensive care require ever-increasing doses of painkillers to make their lives bearable and the team suggests that, although this carries the risks of increased side-effects, it may be the more merciful course.

Professor Southall said the hospital studied was likely to be one of the better ones. The situation at other centres could be even more disturbing.

His team, whose findings are published in the *British Medical Journal*, recommend that young children should have a paediatrician assigned to them, who should ensure that each invasive procedure is absolutely necessary and that painkiller or sedative levels are adequate.

He said that it was vital to plan the child's care at the outset to ensure that invasive procedures were minimised. For example, sensors are now available that will monitor carbon dioxide levels, thus ending the need for health staff to take blood samples every 12 hours.

Moderate drinking may help to fight bone disease

MEDICAL researchers have found that drinking moderate amounts of alcohol increases the strength of bones, challenging previous studies which indicated that drink may be a cause of osteoporosis, or brittle bones (Nick Nuttall writes).

The findings have come from a team at the University of California in San Diego, which studied 362 middle-aged men and woman aged 45 or older. The researchers measured their mineral bone density — a measure of bone strength — in the 1970s and again 18 years later. It increased with a rise in alcohol consumption in both sexes.

The researchers, whose findings are published in the *British Medical Journal*, are cautious about endorsing alcohol as a way of preventing brittle or weak bones, but they say that moderate drinking appears not to be risk factor in osteoporosis.

□ British insurance companies are out of step with much of the rest of the world when it comes to questions about Aids and tests for the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV).

A survey in the *British Medical Journal* has found that, while British insurers continue to ask about HIV tests even if the results are negative, French insurance firms never question applicants about whether they have had a test. In the Netherlands, insurance firms stopped asking about tests in March.

The Canadian government has set out guidelines which say "no adverse underwriting decision" should be based on a consultation or an HIV test. In the United States, insurance companies are barred from assessing people's HIV risks based on questions of sexual orientation.

The journal says that Britain's stance lags behind by assuming that anyone who takes a test must be in a high risk group.

D-Day allies plan peaceful invasion

BY JOHN YOUNG

MEMORIES of the great Atlantic alliance of the war years will be revived next year when the leaders of Britain, France, the United States, Canada and many other nations lead the fiftieth anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings of June 1944.

President Mitterrand, who as an escaped prisoner of war was awarded the Rosette de la Résistance, will be on hand to greet President Clinton, who was not born until more than two years after the landings, but who has nonetheless signalled that he intends to represent the hundreds of thousands of American servicemen who took part. Buckingham Palace was unable to say yesterday whether the Queen would participate, but there are understood to be plans for the royal yacht *Britannia* to take up station in the Channel.

Representatives of the defence ministry, the Normandy regional council and the tourist boards of Normandy and southern England announced a programme of hundreds of events in both countries to celebrate the success of Operation Overlord, which marked the beginning of the end of the Nazi occupation of Europe.

Robin Hodgson, chief executive of Hampshire County Council, said yesterday that as many as 20,000 veteran soldiers, sailors and airmen, were expected to attend celebrations at the Royal Victoria Country Park on Southampton Water on May 27-28. During the following week the focus of attention will move to France, with commemorative services on Utah and Omaha beaches and in Caen abbey.

The cruise liner *Canberra* will sail from Southampton on June 4, carrying veterans of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Canadian Legion and the American Legion on a pilgrimage to the scene of the invasion.

René Garrec, president of the regional council of Normandy, spoke yesterday of Britain and France's common history of resistance to Nazi domination. "We have to tell younger generations why this gigantic battle happened, what price it had and what was at stake," he said.

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Sacked workers reject Timex peace package

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

■ **Striking staff say that they would prefer to stay out, rather than accept what they see as a humiliating climbdown**

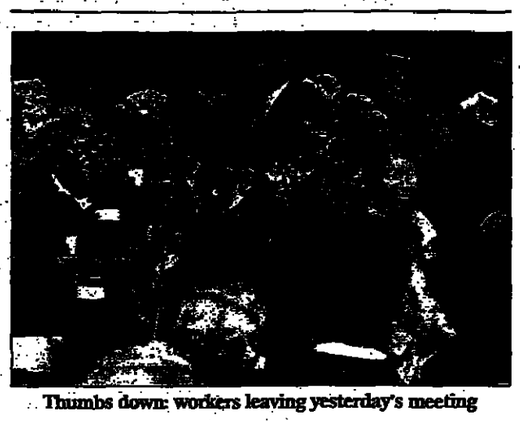
THE sacked Timex workforce in Dundee voted unanimously yesterday to reject a back-to-work package negotiated by their union and pledged to continue the increasingly bitter strike.

Angry workers called the package an insult when they heard that the deal would involve wage cuts of between £20 and £55 a week for many, as well as substantial cuts in fringe benefits. Some workers who had earned £189 a week would see their wage reduced to £132.

The deal, worked out by Timex and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union (AEEU), involved the company taking back all 343 workers, subject to assessment by an outside agency. Those who did not want their jobs back would be offered minimum statutory redundancy payments. The company would continue to recognise the union.

In return, the workers faced pay cuts, reduced company contributions to the Timex pension scheme of about 25 per cent, a pay freeze for at least 21 months, an end to canteen subsidies, cuts of about £8 a week in the company savings scheme, an end to the Christmas bonus, lower sick pay and longer qualifying periods for sick pay.

More than 300 of the sacked workers attended a meeting to consider the deal and it took them only 30 minutes to reject the package, which had been negotiated at eight secret meetings over several weeks. The meeting was told that it was Timex's best offer and was identical to the conditions the newly recruited workforce had accepted.



Thumbs down: workers leaving yesterday's meeting

The strike is in its eighteenth week, but the workers said that yesterday's meeting had increased their solidarity. Ann Frail, one of the sacked staff, said: "Accepting the deal would mean going back 40 years and giving up everything we've worked for for the last 20 to 30 years."

Alan Petrie, another sacked worker, said: "They're calling it a peace package but it's a war package. If it's war they want, then it's war they'll get."

Jimmy Airlie, a national officer with the AEEU, outlined the company's proposals to the hostile workforce. He said later: "They almost shot the messenger, but not quite." Mr Airlie said the AEEU would continue to support the strike within the limits of the law. The company had told the union that it wanted to adopt "a world-class manufacturing capacity in Dundee". Mr Airlie replied that that could not be done on Third World wages. The union had made no a recommendation to accept the deal.

Mr Airlie said: "We recognised that our members would be deeply hostile to the cut in wages. They have made it clear that they are determined to continue the dispute. It will keep going for as long as is necessary. This dispute will not go away without a negotiated settlement."

Willie Lesslie, vice-convenor of shop stewards, said that people were "very angry and understandably so because of the derisory and insulting package placed before them. We very quickly came to the conclusion that it could never form the basis of a settlement."

The Timex dispute has seen some of the worst scenes of violence on a picket line in the past decade. Up to 2,000 people have been gathering at the plant every Monday for the past 18 weeks in an attempt to stop the buses carrying the replacement workforce into the factory. There have been about 50 arrests so far.

The workforce's rejection of the return-to-work package appears to have brought the dispute to an impasse and there are fears that there will be renewed violence outside the factory in the coming weeks.

Fred Olsen, the owner of Timex, visited the Dundee plant yesterday, for the first time since the strike began. A spokesman for the American-owned company said there was disappointment that the offer had been rejected. He said £1 million had been set aside for redundancy payments for those who refused to return to work.

Peter Hall, managing director of the Dundee plant, said: "We have no intention of being driven off by a vast number of Militant supporters." He dismissed as "emotional nonsense" claims by union leaders that Timex was paying Third World wages.

The going rate was £125 per week and this was the same as before the dispute," he said. The company was exceeding pre-strike production levels and would be recruiting a further 230 people, he added. "The ball is firmly in their court now."

Message of peace for Belfast



Welcome back: Mother Teresa of Calcutta returned to the divided city of Belfast yesterday to deliver a simple message of love and peace (Richard Duce writes). More than 2,000 people gathered at Holy Cross Church in the city's Roman Catholic Ardoyne area for a glimpse of the Nobel peace prize winner who had been forced on medical advice to abandon much of a scheduled trip to Northern Ireland.

In her address to the congregation and hundreds of people listening to loudspeakers outside the church, Mother Teresa, 83, said: "We need to spread the joy of loving everywhere we go. Let us forgive and forget." When she was questioned afterwards about sectarian violence, she said: "I pray every day for peace."

Since her last visit to the church 21 years ago, on the first of three visits to Belfast, local schoolchildren have raised more than £100,000 to help her work. Yesterday, many of them arrived hours early to secure a seat.

Later, the four senior church leaders in Northern Ireland issued a joint statement calling for an end to violence by Republican and Loyalist paramilitary groups.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fireman was above drink limit

A senior fireman who arrived at a blaze in a fire service car while nearly three times over the drink-drive limit was given a suspended two-month jail sentence yesterday.

Assistant divisional officer Keith Burridge, 46, of Plymouth, Devon, gave a positive breath test after police smelled alcohol on his breath. He admitted the offence at an earlier hearing.

Burridge, who is based in Plymouth, was also disqualifed from driving for two years and had his licence endorsed by the city's magistrates.

Boycott plea

The Green party is asking its members to boycott Ecover cleaning products after accusing the Group 4 security firm, which has a 50 per cent stake in Ecover, of using "brutal aggression" against M3 protesters on Twyford Down, Hampshire.

Shooting case

Orlando Rodrigues Serrao, 46, of Holborn, central London, was remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates charged with the attempted murder of two men after shootings in a restaurant and a pub on Tuesday.

Raft death

Ben Hall, 12, died in Darlington Memorial Hospital, co. Durham, after a makeshift raft on which he and two friends were "shooting rapids" on the River Tees capsized.

Oil HQ move

Conoco, the oil company, is to move its UK headquarters from London to Aberdeen with, it is believed, a net gain of 250 jobs for Aberdeen.

Dear old ham

A 2lb ham cured in 1892 in Chicago, since resident at a grocer's in Leeds, West Yorkshire, is expected to fetch £300 at auction at Christie's in London next month.

£77,000 win

A bankrupt who correctly forecast the first three in the Derby collected £77,000 for a £1 stake from William Hill in Leeds, who said the punter had asked not to be named.

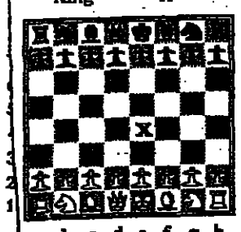
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

IN VIEW of the tremendous interest in chess generated by the forthcoming Times World Chess Championship Match between Kasparov and Short, this is a good moment to explain the mechanics of algebraic notation. This somewhat complicated-sounding term actually describes a very simple way of writing down the moves. Algebraic notation has already been used for many years by *The Times* in my Saturday column and the daily Winning Move puzzle. It is also being employed in our new regular chess feature, the daily Championship Chess column. Readers who are comparatively new to the game, or who have only learned the older 'English Descriptive' notation, will find what follows helpful. It is assumed that the reader already knows how to play chess.

Each piece is represented by a letter as follows:

Knight	N
Bishop	B
Rook	R
Queen	Q
King	K



a b c d e f g h

The squares on the chessboard are described by coordinates, consisting of a letter followed by a number (see diagram). For instance the square marked with a cross is called 'e4'. This follows exactly the same principle as reading off a reference on an A-Z street guide or road map. Everybody can pick this up in a matter of minutes. There is no mystery to it at all! Whenever a piece moves the initial letter of that piece appears at the start of the move. When a pawn moves only the square on which it arrives when the move is completed is mentioned. A perfect example is White's first move 1 d4 (white pawn goes to d4) in the game which follows and Black's first move 1 ... Nf6 (black knight goes to f6).

The following game is given twice: firstly with algebraic notation, and secondly, with the older descriptive notation.

Anatoly Karpov is the supreme master at exploiting greater control of space. In this wonderful game Karpov exploits his spatial grip to flood his opponent's defences finishing with the flourish of a devastating queen sacrifice to force checkmate.



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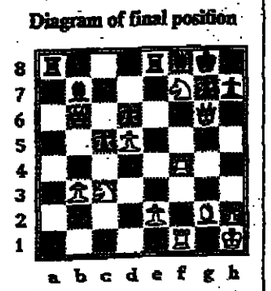
1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Be7
6	Nc3	Ne4
7	Bd2	Bf6
8	0-0	0-0
9	Rc1	c5
10	d5	exd5
11	cxd5	Nxd2
12	Nxd2	d6
13	Nde4	Be7
14	f4	Nd7
15	g4	a6
16	a4	Ra8
17	g5	Bf8
18	Kh1	b5
19	axb5	axb5
20	Nxb5	Qb6
21	Nbc3	Qb4
22	Qd3	Nb6
23	Qg3	Kh8
24	Rcd1	No4
25	b3	Nb6
26	g6	fxg6
27	f5	gd5
28	Rd5	Nd7
29	Rdf1	Ne5
30	Rf5f4	Qb8
31	Ng5	Ng6
32	Nf7+	Kg8
33	Qxg6	Black resigns

If 33 ... hxg6 then 34 Rh4 and Rh8 mate follows.

1	P-Q4	N-KB3
2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	N-KB3	P-QN3
4	P-KN3	B-N2
5	B-N2	B-K2
6	N-B3	N-K5
7	B-Q2	B-KB3
8	0-0	0-0
9	R-B1	P-B4
10	P-Q5	PxP
11	PxP	NxB
12	NxN	P-Q3
13	N(Q2)-K4	B-K2
14	P-B4	N-Q2
15	P-KN4	P-QR3
16	P-QR4	R-K1
17	P-N5	B-KB1
18	K-R1	P-N4
19	PxP	PxP
20	NxP	Q-N3
21	N(N5)-B3	Q-N5
22	Q-Q3	N-N3
23	Q-N3	K-R1
24	QR-Q1	N-B5
25	P-N3	N-N3
26	P-N6	BPxP
27	P-B5	PxP
28	RxP	N-Q2
29	QR-KB1	N-K4
30	R(B5)-B4	Q-N3
31	N-KN5	N-N3
32	N-B7+	K-N1
33	QxN	Black resigns

If 33 ... PxQ then 34 R-KR4 and R-R8 mate follows.

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

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Sondheim's social history of gore

BY BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Why was *Sweeney Todd* no great success when it appeared in the West End 13 years ago? And how is it that the National Theatre at long last establishes it for what it is, the most original and enthralling of all Stephen Sondheim's many musicals?

The obvious answer is that a tale of a barber who cuts throats, dispatches body after body into the mincer and is himself jugulated by the boy his excesses have driven stark mad, is not exactly mainstream entertainment. But there was something wrong with the original production, too.

As I recall it, the vast Drury Lane stage was packed with industrial-era machinery, yet looked underpopulated even when scores of madmen scampered across it gibbering about the end of the world: and the immediacy, the darkness and the danger of the piece went missing.

Those are the commodities Declan Donnellan's chamber production in the Cottesloe restores. Give or take the odd stair or chair, Nick Ormerod's set is spare and simple: grey floorboards and a grey back wall which shunts forward to provide Alun Armstrong's Sweeney with a rough saloon and Julia McKenzie's Mrs Lovett with a pie-shop below. And in the greenish murk there lurk dowdy, seedy figures, ventured from the pages of Dickens or Mayhew to watch Sondheim's grisly parable unfold.

This tiny chorus stays onstage throughout, gathering round the principals as they moot murder or discuss recipes for their cannibals' cookbook: "Have you any Dean?" "No, but if you're British and loyal, you might enjoy Royal Marine, though of course it tastes of everywhere it's been." At first I found them distracting, but by the end I felt they helped to give Donnellan's production the gravity, and the social weight, that he wanted. At Drury Lane, lyrics like "the history of the world, my sweet, is who gets eaten and who gets to eat" were well-meant decoration, a sprinkling of Brecht on a bucket of blood. Here, with the gore spurting only a few feet from the audience, they seem more integral.

Alun Armstrong, he of the pock-marked face and warty schmozzle, makes a less glamorous Sweeney than Denis Quilley, who played the part 13 years ago and reappears here as a villain of somewhat too cool and debonair mien. But he is more clearly a victim of the wrongs long ago done him. He has a beaten, wounded quality that fits well with the realism all around; and when he stops haplessly brooding and launches blithely and smoothly into his serial-killings, he is undeniably chilling. He is also finely partnered by McKenzie's pastry queen, who never loses her contemptuous cynicism even when she is garbed in green silks and feathers, comically flaunting her fame and wealth as Fleet Street's restaurateur of the year.

Truth to tell, Sondheim has never written with grimmer verbal wit, nor composed with a weirder imagination. His music can be serene, can be hectic and troubled, and, at moments, both at once. Who else would show an anti-hero singing a love song while he slashes his foes? Who else could write what is — or so the first night's performance persuaded me — a popular opera about evil itself?

Pork prices chopped

SEVERAL supermarkets feature promotional prices on pork this week (Louise Hidaldgo writes). Safeway has fresh home-produced pork chops at £1.39 a lb, a saving of 25p on last week's prices: Gateway's ready-carved frozen pork joints are down 50p.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: fresh rolled lamb shoulder with sage and mint stuffing, £1.99 a lb; strawberries, 69p a ½lb; satsumas, 49p a lb.

Gateway and Somerfield: peaches, 25p each; beef tomatoes, 64p a lb; peeled prawns, £3.99 a lb pack.

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Iceland: eight pork chops, £3.99; six sirloin steaks, £4.49; size 4 free-range eggs, six for 59p.

Marks & Spencer: lemon sole on the bone, £4.49 a lb; four peaches, £1.69; cabbage hearts, 99p a lb.

Safeway: matured English cheddar, £2.15 a lb; rainbow trout, £1.95 a lb; eggs, 15 for £1.03; round lettuce, 25p.

Sainsbury: Scottish smoked salmon, £2.99 a ¼lb; fresh beef fillet steak, £6.98 a lb; Galia melons, £1.19 each; courgettes, 55p a lb.

Tesco: new season neck fillet of lamb, £3.69 a lb; haddock fillet, £2.24 a lb; peaches, £1.49 for a pack of 11; Jersey new potatoes, 18p a lb.

Waitrose: Scotch beef burgers, £1.79 a lb; lamb boneless roast, £2.59 a lb; farmed salmon tail joints, £2.99 a lb; new season Canadian lobster, £5.95 each; chestnut mushrooms, £1.15 a lb.



Four years after Tiananmen massacre, demon of democracy still gives China's bosses no rest

Hong Kong liberals arouse Deng's wrath

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

THE QUESTION in Tiananmen Square four years ago was who ruled China, as it is always in Hong Kong, where in June 1989 a million people marched in the streets after the killings.

That is what lies behind Peking's sulphurous response this week to a seemingly innocuous political gesture by a handful of liberal legislators. Earlier in the week the constitutional development panel of Hong Kong's Legislative Council decided to discuss Chris Patten's proposals for somewhat expanded democracy in the colony. These form the core of the Anglo-Chinese negotiations in Peking which will enter their fifth round in two weeks' time.

This week Peking's foreign ministry described the panel's move as "yet another attempt by the British and Hong Kong authorities to intervene in and undermine the Sino-British talks". Chinese "sincerity" was contrasted with "the British side's conniving". They know that the council's panel has no legal force. It cannot legislate, and if after several weeks it issues a report approving the governor's plan, which has legislatively been set aside until the negotiations are concluded — possibly not till late summer — it will be no more than a recommendation.

Mr Patten himself said this week: "I think myself that study is always a constructive way of approaching problems ... I don't think that studying the proposals ... could in any way be an obstacle to the smooth progress of the talks."

This confirmed Peking's darkest suspicions. The man who had brought the governor's plan to the panel was Martin Lee, a QC and the leader of the United Democrats, the largest directly elected party in the council. Mr Lee, who demonstrated in the streets here on June 4, 1989, ranks just after Mr Patten in China's demonology.

Christine Loh, an independent member of the council, said: "It's typical Peking, isn't it? Using a ballistic missile to hit a fly."

Mr Patten has been steadily vilified by the Chinese since he presented his plan in October. His proposals, in China's eyes, are a crass move to upset previous Anglo-Chinese understandings, keep Hong Kong British, and subvert China itself. And the council is simply Britain's tool.

But, more deeply, there is the fear of Peking's leaders, which in 1989 drove them to order their tanks into Tiananmen Square. Deng Xiaoping and the gerontocrats who still rule China were among the earliest party members; they know that a small but determined band, if not utterly crushed, can come to power. Students demanding democracy must be destroyed. Similarly, genteel QCs in bespoke suits, who wish to study proposals for slightly wider democracy in Hong Kong, are seen as part of the great enemy which never sleeps.



Focus of attention: a soldier and plainclothes officer kept watch yesterday as security was stepped up around Tiananmen Square before today's anniversary of the 1989 massacre

Buzz of capitalism replaces Peking's sounds of violence

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

Peking is more likely to reverberate to the sound of mobile telephones ringing and private entrepreneurs haggling than to the roar of gunfire today, the fourth anniversary of the 1989 massacre. The June 4 crackdown on unarmed demonstrators in the capital was such a momentous event in China's history that it has taken nearly four years for the country to regain its momentum.

For two years after the massacre China was all but paralysed, branded a pariah by the West, and too unsure of itself to experiment with new economic policies. It is still not known how many people died during the protests — officially the figure is in the hundreds, unofficially some estimate thousands.

The same people are in power and the Communist Party has not collapsed as it has in so many other parts of the world. The authorities still found it necessary this year to post heavy patrols of secret police around Tiananmen Square and the university district, and to attempt to nip any expression of dissent in the bud.

But whatever the long-term importance of June 4, economic liberalisation is dictating the pace of social change in China now. The about-turn occurred early last year when Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, re-emerged from semi-retirement to call for capitalist-style reforms. The revival was slow, but China's economy is now rushing headlong towards capitalism. Last year the economy grew by nearly 13 per cent.

While anything goes in the economic sphere, the leadership has not changed its views on human rights. In order to keep its most favoured trading status with the United States, several political prisoners have been released. Last week Xu Wenli, the Democracy Wall activist, was released three years before the end of his 15-year sentence. But international human rights groups say people are still arrested, tortured and imprisoned without trial.

The levers of government control in state-run enterprises are failing as they go bankrupt and are sold off to Hong Kong businessmen. Private entrepreneurs listen only to money, not to the dogma of the local party official, and as the government withdraws subsidies to newspapers, radio and television, all are exploring new levels of freedom of expression.

This year some dissident are marking June 4 with protest meetings or hunger strikes. Hou Xiaotian, the wife of Wang Juntao, who was given a 13-year prison sentence for his part in the pro-democracy movement, say that activism is still necessary. "I think we must force political change," she says. "Otherwise it won't happen."

But even dissidents at the heart of the pro-democracy demonstrations have abandoned their political campaign in favour of private enterprise. The Communist authorities refused to give activists jobs in state enterprises, so many former students have abandoned hunger bands in favour of mobile telephones, and they are now speaking the language of the market, not revolution.

"I am employing students who were involved in the democracy movement and then couldn't get a job anywhere else because they had a black mark in their files," says one private businessman. "This way we can stay together and we can build a economic base, so that in the future we can finance our political activities."

Wang Dan, 24, the student leader released early from prison last February, wants to go into business at the earliest opportunity. Many of his friends have migrated to the southern special economic zone of Hainan to work in private firms.

Perhaps the most symbolic difference on June 4 this year is that the most hated figure of the crackdown four years ago, Li Peng, the prime minister, is ill. The official diagnosis is that he has been laid low with a "bad cold", but after more than a month's absence there is speculation that he is seriously ill and will never fully regain his influence.

His place has been taken, albeit temporarily, by Zhu Rongji, the deputy prime minister, whose reputation as a enthusiastic and intelligent reformer makes him popular.

□ Brussels: Fang Lizhi, a human rights activist, called for more international pressure on China's leaders. He told members of the European parliament that pressure did have some effect on Peking, citing the fact that political prisoners are freed whenever the US reconsides China's trading status. *(AP)*

Sihanouk leads Cambodia again

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

THE turbulent history of Cambodia came full circle yesterday when Prince Sihanouk, the one-time boy king installed by the French, once again claimed the nation's highest office.

"I accept today ... office as head of state, president of the council of ministers [prime minister] of the national government of Cambodia and as supreme commander of the armed forces, the auxiliary armed forces and the police," the prince, 70, said in a communiqué. He added that he was taking power with the full agreement of Hun Sen, the prime minister of the Phnom Penh government, and his own son Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the royalist Funcinpec party leader.

However, the country's troubles were still ever present yesterday as the bodies of four apparently executed ethnic Vietnamese were found, washed up on a beach in southern Cambodia, the United Nations said. The discovery of the corpses renewed doubts that the last week's peaceful election would translate into a smooth transition to democratic rule, in a country that has known nothing but conflict for decades.

The prince's announcement finally ended the hopes of the ruling Cambodian People's Party, installed by Hanoi in 1979. To the amazement of leaders of Cambodia and its ruling people's party, who happen to be one and the same coterie, the government and party have gone the way of most other communist states and parties in the past three years. They were defeated by voters, in a free, UN-run election.

"The leaders of the state of Cambodia, like those in most communist countries, came to believe their own propaganda," said Julio Jeldres, director of a human rights organisation here. "They can't believe they have been rejected by the people because they thought they were the people."

Despite the fact that, according to the UN, it intimidated the opposition royalist party, murdered 1 opposition political work-



Sihanouk: Hun Sen has given support

ers, burned their offices and controlled the administration down to local level, as well as the army and police, the people's party was defeated by 7 per cent.

Hun Sen, 41, is said to be deeply depressed by the result and party hardliners have claimed fraud, alleging they were "robbed". "They were confident of victory because everyone always told them what they wanted to hear and so defeat is all the more bitter for them," said a foreign diplomat here.

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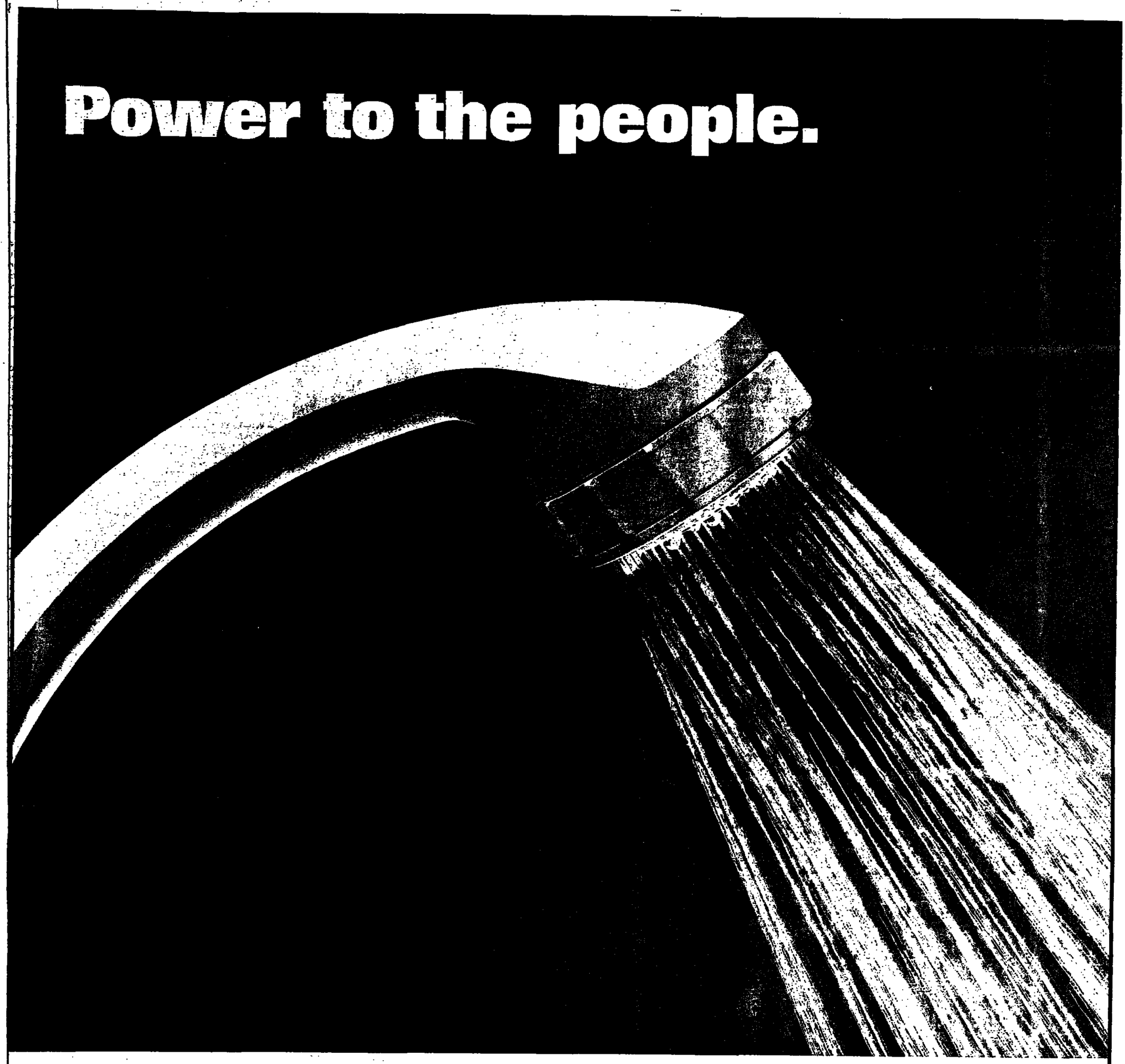
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EC commissioner urges West to send 'safe areas' troops

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Adam LeBor in Belgrade

UNLESS the Washington agreement were fully implemented, with the swift dispatch of Western troops prepared to use force to defend besieged Muslims in "safe areas", the five-power accord would be nothing more than a capitulation to aggression, Hans van den Broek, the European foreign affairs commissioner, said yesterday.

If the agreement drawn up by America, Russia, Britain, France and Spain became a substitute for the Vance-Owen plan, it would merely reward the aggressors. Such appeasement would set a dangerous precedent for future conflicts, casting a long shadow over Europe for years and making it harder to solve future ethnic conflicts, he said.

The former Dutch foreign minister, who spent six months trying to negotiate a settlement in former Yugoslavia during the Dutch presidency of the European Community in 1991, came close to outright denunciation of the refusal by the West to intervene in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In a speech at Chatham House and at a subsequent press conference, he said it was a "major error" of the West to have ruled out from the beginning the use or threat of military force.

"When mediation and sanctions fail, as they largely did in former Yugoslavia, we must be prepared to oppose the aggressor. This is a lesson from history," he said.

In Yugoslavia itself yesterday, the authoritarian clampdown increased as the public prosecutor demanded that the constitutional court of Serbia ban the opposition Serbian Renewal Movement. His call follows the events in Belgrade on Tuesday night when supporters of the movement took to the streets in thousands and a policeman was killed and dozens were injured during violent riots.

Vuk Draskovic, the movement's leader, was arrested and badly beaten and party officials say they now fear for his health. Mr Draskovic and his wife, Danica, are the only officials of the movement arrested on Tuesday who have yet to be freed from prison. The public prosecutor denied a report in *Borba*, the generally well-informed daily newspaper, that they had both been sentenced to 60 days in prison.

In Bosnia yesterday, General Philippe Morillon, the United Nations military commander, said that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had ordered a ceasefire around the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazde, one of six "safe havens" declared by the UN.

Nato fighter pilots enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia reported, however, that they had seen plumes of smoke over burning villages as fighting raged in the region.

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Crying parents seek their sons amid bloodsoaked stretchers



Overcome by grief: The father of Kurt Jadranko, a Bosnian Croat soldier, mourning his son, who died in fierce fighting on Wednesday with Muslims at Baje, central Bosnia

Surgeons brave Serb shellfire

From Michael Evans in Maoca, northeast Bosnia

THE FIRST casualties from the Serb attack on the frontline village of Lipovac in the northeast corner of Bosnia began coming in about an hour after dawn. They arrived on stretchers in the back of two blue Opel estates.

Maoca, six miles from the Serb gun positions at Brcko, the former Muslim city seized a year ago, is the first line casualty operating centre. The town is under daily shellfire, and life-saving operations are carried out under the worst possible conditions.

The nearest hospital is in Tuzla, much farther south, so casualties are taken to a house off the main street of Maoca, whose basement has been converted into an improvised operating theatre.

Gravel-voiced General Ivan Hudolin, the chief surgeon of a team of ten doctors, was working on his tenth casualty when I was led into the cramped basement. I was asked to wear a mask, but there were flies everywhere and soldiers passed through regularly, glancing briefly at the patient lying white-faced on the operating table.

The casualty, a young BiH (Muslim) soldier, had a gruesome gunshot wound in his right leg. General Hudolin was screwing long steel pins upright into his shattered femur to try to knit the bones together. General Hudolin, who claimed to have carried out 7,000 operations on war casualties in a year, made a special appeal, not for medicines but for fuel for the "ambulance cars".

It takes half an hour to drive to Maoca from the front and fuel is short. That morning they had just 20 litres of petrol left. The general said more diesel-run cars were needed.

A nurse rushed out and hung about 30 pairs of white surgical gloves along the fence outside to dry in the sun before the next casualties arrived. But already a car was making its way to the house, bringing a soldier shot through the thigh.

Doctors, escaping for a few minutes from the hot, sweaty atmosphere of the operating theatre, stood up wearily and returned to their tasks. General Hudolin said he had operated on nearly 60 serious head injuries. "Most casualties are young people," he said.

On average, 67 operations are carried out here. There is no plumbing system. The local authorities are trying to expand the hospital facilities, but they are being overwhelmed by casualties pouring in.

The Serbs have been shelling every village along the northeast corner of Bosnia in their attempt to widen the territorial corridor linking Serbia with the Serb enclave of Krajina in Croatia. The corridor is presently only 1,500 yards wide at the narrowest point, north of Brcko.

When the Serbs use the main road that runs through the corridor, they have to mount an artillery and mortar barrage as suppressive fire to safeguard their troop and ammunition movements from Muslim attacks.

Yesterday, after talks in the Serb stronghold of Pale, General Philippe Morillon, commander of the UN protection forces, said that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had ordered a ceasefire in Gorazde. Radio reports earlier said many had been killed and wounded as refugees were swarming into Gorazde on the sixth day of the Serb assault.

Across the road from the improvised hospital, the town's mosque, severely damaged by Serb air raids last year, was being used as a mortuary. The bodies of seven soldiers lay on stretchers covered in bloodsoaked sheets or blankets. An eighth body lay in a box.

Men and women, some clutching children, queued up to see if one of their loved ones was among the dead. A middle-aged Muslim woman lifted up the blanket from one stretcher and let out a piercing shriek. She had recognised her son. She stumbled against her husband, who was also crying, screaming: "He was only 19, only 19."

A rattle of gunfire outside the mosque made everyone jump, but it was just Muslim soldiers returning from Lipovac. They were firing their Kalashnikovs in the air. They had survived one more day.

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Hurd: embargo staff would be increased

Work dries up on the Danube

From Sean Hillen
on the Danube

GAZING at the Danube, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said: "Now we have an empty river; before it would have been crowded. The operation seems to be working."

With those words Mr Hurd gave his endorsement to the success of the trade embargo along the river by Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. He was told, however, that sanctions against Serbia were still being breached by land crossings, especially through Macedonia.

Earlier, the foreign secretary and his wife toured the river on one of several launches donated by the United States to the embargo operation, which brought the couple from the Romanian port of Giurgiu to Ruse, in Bulgaria. There was little to see on the river. A handful of barges glided slowly towards docking areas.

Since February, when five convoys crossed into Serbian waters, river security has been tight. "Since we placed nine people in Ukraine to watch traffic we have no problems," said Reiner Beussel, the sanctions assistance mission leader in Bulgaria.

A spokesman for Mr Hurd said that 62 sanctions assistance personnel were already deployed and the figure would be doubled within a month. Of those, 20 will be British, with three boats. The Western European Union is to deploy equipment and personnel to strategic ports such as Calafat, Vidin and at the Iron Gates on the river.

Yugoslavs free Italian fishing boa

Rome: An Italian fishing bo that was fired on by th Yugoslav navy and taken to Montenegrin port was a lowed to leave yesterday afte an Italian protest.

A Yugoslav patrol bo opened fire on the fishing bo in the Adriatic on Wednesda killing one fisherman an wounding another. An Italia foreign ministry statemet said Montenegrin authoritis allowed the *Antonio e Sipontina* to leave after re peated contacts between Be iamino Andreatta, the forein minister, and Miodrag Lek his Montenegrin counterpa

The Yugoslav navy saidit had opened fire because te boat was violating Yugos via's territorial waters. Itly said the incident apparenly occurred in international waters. *(Reuter)*

Suicide soldie kills eight mei

Belgrade: A Yugoslav solier went berserk in southern Ser bia, shooting dead eight ol leagues and wounding ive others before killing himelf, the army said. Private Jozef Meneder, 19, carried outhe killings at the barracks in the town of Vranje, the Yugoslav army supreme command aid.

Meneder had broken out of the barracks prison where he was detained for assaulting other soldiers. "In a state of mental derangement, Meneder broke through the bars of his cell, severely wounded the guard with an axe, whith he stole from the fire department store, and took away his automatic rifle," the army said. *(Reuter)*

Sent home

Stockholm: A Swedish army captain who staged a shooting incident near Belgrade for the benefit of a visiting television crew has been ordered home pending disciplinary action. "The army captain had a bad idea of showing journalists the everyday life of soldiers," Colonel Anders Anerud, head of a training centre for Sweden's United Nations troops, said. The captain was working as a UN guard. *(Reuter)*

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Germans and Turks unite in grief for arson victims

FROM PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

TURKS chanting "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest), German schoolchildren joining in Muslim prayers for the dead, and government officials from both Germany and Turkey expressing grief and outrage yesterday attended the funeral service for the five Turks killed in a suspected racist arson attack last Saturday.

Flags flew at half-mast as a symbol of national mourning for the three girls and two women killed when the house where they lived in Solingen was set ablaze. At the funeral ceremony, in the Ditib mosque in Cologne, President von Weizsäcker condemned continuing right-wing violence and said all Germany mourned with the families and friends of the victims.

"The first article of our constitution does not say 'the dignity of Germans is inviolable', but 'the dignity of man is inviolable'," he said. As he spoke, shouts of "Nazis out" could be heard among the chants in praise of Allah outside the mosque, where thousands watched the ceremony on a giant screen.

Turkish and German government ministers urged that racist attacks should not be allowed to damage the strong ties between their countries. Herr von Weizsäcker recalled that Turkey had once given refuge to Germans fleeing from Nazi persecution.

The coffins, wrapped in Turkish flags, were taken to the airport serving Cologne and Bonn to be flown to Turkey by a German air force plane. The victims are to be buried at Mercimek, their home village.

Earlier, friends and relatives gathered at the ruins of the burnt-out house where the five died. The house had been inhabited by 20 Turks, several of whom have lived and worked in Germany for more than 15 years. Thousands of people also attended a ceremony in Solingen's main square, where many Germans turned towards Mecca to join the prayers led by a Muslim cleric.

On Wednesday residents of Solingen, which had been shaken by riots since the arson attack, had their first calm night. Police, however, maintained a strong presence in the city, particularly around the scene of the attack.

In the past few days, thousands of people have also joined peaceful marches to protest against the attack and the government's failure to stop the wave of right-wing violence sweeping Germany. In Hamburg on Wednesday night, dozens of Turkish youths and German left-wingers clashed with police and erected burning barricades. A police spokesman said 28 officers were injured, three of them seriously. Several protesters were arrested.

Investigators continue to be quoted in the German media as saying that the attack was carried out by a 16-year-old boy acting alone. He is said to have lived with his mother in a flat next door to the burnt-out house. A young man who said he played football with the suspect told a television station that the alleged arsonist had entered the house about an hour before the fire broke out and had given a Nazi salute.

☐ **Paris:** Amnesty International yesterday criticised a new anti-immigration bill put forward by the French government and urged Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, to amend it before submitting it to parliament. The French section of the human rights organisation said most aspects of the bill affecting asylum-seekers and refugees "tended to seriously put in question" the right of asylum.

The bill charges police administrations with screening asylum requests. But, according to Amnesty, the police are not competent to determine a foreigner's refugee status and are not neutral.

Amnesty also criticised the bill because it provided no mechanism for giving a second chance to a foreigner "who would nevertheless be in danger if deported back to his country of origin".

The bill is the work of Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, who says he wants to cut immigration to "zero". It limits the possibilities for mixed marriages, for families to join their breadwinner, for residence permits and for political asylum. *(AFP)*



Last journey: the coffin of one of the arson victims being carried yesterday past the house in Solingen where she died, on its way to her village in Turkey

Hungarian party expels 'racist' MP

BY ADAM LEBOR
EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

HUNGARY'S ruling party is in deep crisis after Istvan Csurka, a senior MP, extreme nationalist and focus of allegations of anti-Semitism within the Hungarian Democratic Forum (MDF), has been expelled from his parliamentary group.

The expulsion of Mr Csurka, a powerful and leading member of the MDF, came after months of internal wrangling and international concern that appears to have prompted Jozsef Antall, the prime minister, to deal with the man many regard as a dangerous demagogue.

It could herald a split between the party's opposing liberal and nationalist wings, growing ever further apart. Any split would threaten the stability of the unpopular government as it tries to get a crucial austerity package through parliament to help pay off Hungary's increasing budget deficit. Last summer Mr Csurka wrote that President Goncz received regular instructions on how to govern the country from Tel Aviv and New York.

Kohl chooses to ignore the fires of racial hatred

The German leader's failure to show support for the Turkish community has highlighted a crisis in his government, ***Roger Boyes*** *writes from Hamburg*

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, was the only leading German politician absent from yesterday's funeral service for five murdered Turks. No plausible explanation was given.

He has not appeared on television to call for a tolerant society, even after four days and nights of rioting and ethnic tension. Nor has he travelled to Solingen, scene of the arson attack. The German government spokesman dismissed such gestures as "condolence tourism". Yet the chancellor is surely aware of the value of such symbols.

The fact is that the Solingen attack — and the days of rioting and looting that have followed — has become more than a crisis in relations between Turks and Germans. It has highlighted a critical deficiency in the governing logic of the Kohl administration; it has, in short, become a leadership crisis.

Herr Kohl has, of course, sent condolence telegrams, but he has also warned Turkish extremists that they could be expelled. For many long-term foreign residents that rather proves the point — after 30 years in Germany, arrested Turks can still be treated as aliens.

"If the chancellor were to over-react," says a former political adviser to Herr Kohl, "he would play into the hands of the extreme right. They could say 'look, he's jumping to their tune'." Well, that may be an explanation, but why then did President Richard von Weizsäcker read the keynote speech at the ceremony in the mosque yesterday?

There is a cynical explanation: politicians gearing up for general elections do not like to be associated with street violence or social failure. Embracing a few Turks now would be a commitment to realise a vague promise to grant dual nationality to Turkish residents; that is regarded as an election loser.

These are, however, pragmatic considerations. Herr Kohl's problem goes much deeper. Long before unification in 1989, Herr Kohl set out his aims for his chancellorship. He had been constantly under-estimated within his party. His Christian Democratic rivals in the early 1980s saw him as a fumbling provincial politician. He beat his challengers, however, and tried as chancellor in 1983-84 to develop a governing style: he would be the "great moderniser".

That meant reconciling Germany with its wartime past and then moving swiftly towards a European future. He was the man who boasted that he was "one of the fortunate generation who was too young to fight in the war".

The past could therefore be more easily digested under his leadership than under Willy Brandt (who spent the war in exile) and Helmut Schmidt (who was an artillery officer). He spoke for many Germans who believed collective guilt for Nazi crimes could not be borne forever. It earned him popularity among Germans, and deep suspicion from Nazi victims. Now Herr Kohl, ten years in office and drained of fresh ideas, has lost his way. His reassurance that his goal was not a German-dominated Europe but rather a Europeanised Germany has started to wear thin. The recession has also dealt another blow. It requires time, investment, sacrifice and patience to sort out.

Yet Herr Kohl does not have sufficient patience, and nor, it seems, do the western Germans. The chancellor's idea of modernising Germany has been complicated by his personal vanity that the great leap could be completed in his tenure, if not by the 1994 elections, then soon afterwards.

Solingen and the social upheavals in Germany show that this is an unrealistic goal. Rather than face that failure, Herr Kohl preferred to ignore the fires on the street.

Boy in French blood scandal dies of Aids

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

STEPHANE Gaudin, the 15-year-old French boy who wrote a moving book about living with Aids, has died of Aids-induced septicaemia after receiving a contaminated blood transfusion eight years ago.

His younger brother Laurent, whose slow death, filmed by their father, moved millions of television viewers to tears, died in 1991 aged 11. Both boys were infected by blood products that contaminated 1,250 haemophiliacs and killed more than 300 so far in a scandal which contributed to the Socialist government's rout in the March general elections.

Stéphane's death came as the retrial by an appeals court of four former senior public health officials accused of knowingly allowing Aids-tainted blood to be given to haemophiliacs in 1985 reached a climax with the final defence and prosecution pleas. The former officials have been accused of using up contaminated blood stocks for financial reasons rather than importing products disinfected by what was then a new heating technique.

"I am crushed. Eighteen months ago we were a family of five. Now three are left," M Gaudin told *Le Parisien*. "Both my sons died because of money. I shall never accept it."

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Clinton condemned for decision to drop civil rights radical

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton sank deep into another public relations disaster yesterday as Lani Guinier, his nominee to head the justice department's civil rights division, fought against White House pressure to withdraw voluntarily and spare the president's blushes.

Shortly after Mr Clinton told aides on Wednesday night that he had decided to jettison the controversial law professor, Ms Guinier made an unorthodox appearance on television and insisted on her right to Senate confirmation hearings to explain her views.

Civil rights and womens' groups began turning Ms Guinier into a cause célèbre, warning the president that abandoning her would cost him their support. The media started questioning Mr Clinton's conduct. Now the issue is less Ms Guinier's advocacy of radical measures to increase black political power than Mr Clinton's propensity to buckle under pressure and leave his nominees stranded.

Plummeting in the polls, Mr Clinton decided to drop Ms Guinier after hostile Democratic senators had said that difficult confirmation hearings would undermine his efforts to re-establish his centrist credentials and almost certainly culminate in defeat. In the event, he has sparked a furore as damaging as that which he hoped to avoid.

It was unclear yesterday whether Ms Guinier's battle to save her nomination would compel the White House to stand by her. Roy Neel, Mr Clinton's deputy chief of staff, called the situation "fluid" and said there would be meetings with her later in the day. But he did note increasing Senate opposition to Ms Guinier, saying "You have to be realistic".

Ms Guinier, 43, is an old Yale friend of the Clintons, who attended her wedding in 1986. After civil rights work for the Carter administration and the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), she joined the University of Pennsylvania, where she wrote the scholarly articles that have led Republicans to label her the "quota queen" and "breathtakingly radical".

In her television appearance on Wednesday, Ms Guinier said her writings had been distorted beyond recognition. "Fairness requires that I be given an opportunity to present my views in the Senate," she said. It was hardly surprising that senators opposed her nomination when "my own mother does not recognise me" from the media accounts.

The Washington Post said dropping her would be "the act of a panicky administration" that would make Mr Clinton appear "not a born-again centrist but a president who doesn't know his own mind and runs from trouble". *The New York Times* drew comparisons with his abandonment of Zoë Baird when her nomination for attorney-general ran into trouble.

The NAACP has issued an "emergency alert" to galvanise support for Ms Guinier. Wade Henderson, the association's director in Washington, gave warning of a "serious price to be paid if the president were to withdraw his support for the nomination now". Mary Francis Berry, the civil rights commissioner, said abandoning Ms Guinier would "raise serious questions about Bill Clinton's character. What kind of person fails to support his nominee? Can other people count on Bill Clinton to support them when times get tough?"

The Guinier affair has bolstered the administration's reputation for incompetence. Nobody spotted the political dangers of Ms Guinier's writings before her nomination: indeed, Mr Clinton had not even read them. No effort was made to define Ms Guinier before her opponents did and by that stage it was too late.



Art of death: Rick Carlsson, a detective with the San Diego murder squad, who has an exhibition in the Californian city of surrealist paintings he has done depicting victims of cases he has investigated. He says: "It's definitely therapy for me ... lets other people know what I see."

Texas set to deepen White House woes

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

TEXANS will vote in a by-election for the Senate tomorrow that appears certain to compound President Clinton's misery.

Barring a political miracle, the Republican candidate, Kay Bailey Hutchison, will defeat Bob Krueger, the Democrat who has been filling the seat as an interim senator for the last four months.

Such an outcome will be seen as a judgment on Mr Clinton and a public rejection of his proposals for large tax increases. A Hutchison victory will also reduce the Democrats' majority in the 100-seat Senate to 12 — 56 to 44 — making it easier for Republicans to filibuster and for Democratic mutineers to overturn all or part of the president's budget and health reform plans.

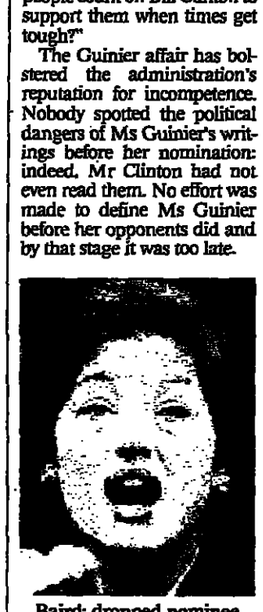
Being Texas, the race was turning nasty in the final hours. Mr Krueger, a former Shakespeare professor, alleged that Mrs Hutchison, the state treasurer, had ordered state employees to run personal errands for her and struck one of them in a fit of rage.

Mr Krueger had already surrendered his dignity in a series of self-mocking television commercials, in one of which he admitted he was an anaemic campaigner. In another, he donned sunglasses and leather jacket to pose as Arnold Schwarzenegger. Voters appear to have been amused, but not swayed.

Mr Krueger was chosen by Ann Richards, governor of Texas, to serve until the by-election in the seat vacated by Senator Lloyd Bentsen when he became Secretary of the Treasury. Mr Clinton, who lost Texas to George Bush, has not campaigned for Mr Krueger by mutual agreement among Democrats that he would do more harm than good. In another humiliation for the president, Mr Krueger has tried to distance himself from Mr Clinton by denouncing his proposed energy tax, highly unpopular with Texan oil interests.

Mrs Hutchison holds a law degree and is a wealthy former television newscaster who has been called a country-club Republican and was dubbed "The Breck Girl" for her all-but-perfect blonde hairdo. Shrugging off the taunts, she has gained momentum steadily with an anti-spending, anti-tax and anti-Clinton message.

In a poll last week, the *Dallas Morning News* put her 19 points ahead of Mr Krueger among likely voters, 54 to 35 per cent, with 11 per cent undecided. A win for Mrs Hutchison will bring the number of women senators to seven, the most ever, and will mark the first time that both senators from Texas are Republicans.



Baird: dropped nominee for attorney-general

Guatemalans protest at another about-turn

Army backs born-again claimant

BY DAVID ADAMS

GUATEMALA'S political crisis took another bizarre turn yesterday when Vice-President Gustavo Espina, who declared himself president on Wednesday after his predecessor, Jorge Serrano, fled the country, said he had postponed his swearing-in ceremony apparently because he lacked the necessary votes in Congress.

Señor Serrano abandoned the presidential palace on Wednesday and flew to exile in neighbouring El Salvador, barely a week after seizing near-dictatorial powers.

Soon after Señor Serrano was forced out of office, the defence minister, José García Samayoa, had announced that Señor Espina, a 47-year-old schoolteacher turned businessman, had resigned also.

Throwing the country into even greater confusion, Señor Espina announced that he fully backed the ousted President Serrano, his friend and fellow born-again evangelical.

"I am speaking to you as the new president of Guatemala," Señor Espina told a news conference at his home in the capital on Wednesday, flanked by military officers and several members of Señor Serrano's cabinet. His announcement came as politicians and civic leaders were meeting to chose a consensus candidate to fill the vacant presidency.

"The people of Guatemala chose me freely, popularly and democratically as vice-president," said Señor Espina. In a rapid about-turn, the military gave its full support to Señor Espina, arousing the outrage of labour unions and left-wing popular organisations which accused General García Samayoa of mounting a new coup.

General García Samayoa said he was mistaken when he declared that the vice-president had resigned on Tuesday. He added that the vice-president's action was within the bounds of the constitution. "It's a done deal," he said. But hours after Señor Espina declared himself president, the attorney-general's office issued a warrant for his arrest, accusing him of violating the constitution and misuse of public funds.

Hundreds of angry Guatemalans surrounded the national Congress, where deputies met in emergency session to discuss the unexpected turn of events. "We don't want the military, we don't want Espina!" the protesters shouted as some tried to break into the Congress building.

The 1992 Nobel peace prize winner, Rigoberta Menchú, a Quiche Indian activist, attacked the way in which Señor Serrano had been ousted without consultation with the popular organisations.

Hunger strike stirs alarm in academe

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A BITTER plagiarism dispute within the ranks of American academe has left one historian defending his reputation and his principal accuser on the 24th day of a hunger strike.

Last February two of the nation's top investigators of academic fraud claimed that Professor Stephen Oates, a historian at the University of Massachusetts, had copied the work of other scholars in several of his books. Using a home-made "plagiarism machine" — a computer program that can trace identical phrases in different texts — Walter Stewart and Ned Feder, government investigators, compiled about 500 charges of plagiarism against Professor Oates.

For the past five years Mr Stewart, a chemist, and Mr Felder, a biophysicist, have worked as a two-member investigative unit at the National Institutes of Health, responsible for looking into allegations of scientific misconduct. Professor Oates denied plagiarism and insisted that the two investigators lacked the requisite expertise to judge historical works. Government officials apparently agreed the two sleuths had gone too far, and last month the investigative unit was closed down.

Mr Stewart promptly went on hunger strike "to draw people's attention to what one regards as a moral issue".

"The idea that plagiarism research is not relevant to the work of the National Institutes of Health is manifestly untrue," he told *The Washington Post*. Mr Stewart has already lost more than 20lb and says he is now "getting weak".

Mr Stewart says he will fast until the investigative office is reopened and a full hearing is held.

"They say after about 30 days of a hunger strike, the striker becomes irrational," he joked to *The New York Times*. "But in my case how would anyone be able to tell?"

US border drug tunnel uncovered

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MEXICAN police have discovered a sophisticated tunnel stretching for nearly 1,500ft under the American border, through which one of Mexico's drug lords was apparently planning to smuggle huge quantities of cocaine into the United States.

The tunnel was started more than six months ago and was less than 100ft from completion. It has concrete walls, lighting, air-conditioning and tracks for trolley carts. It began in a warehouse in an industrial area of Tijuana and would apparently have ended in another warehouse in a busy commercial area of southern San Diego.

The tunnel was a major engineering feat, said Jack Hook, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration. "They could have gotten tonnes through there without us knowing anything about it."

The Mexican police discovered the tunnel as they searched for the killers of Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo, a Roman Catholic cardinal who was shot dead last week at Guadalajara's airport. The intended target was apparently Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, the drugs baron, who the authorities believe masterminded the tunnel.

When the authorities raided a traffickers' safe-house in Tijuana they found documents indicating the location of the 5ft-high tunnel, drilled through sandstone.

An estimated two-thirds of the cocaine that enters the United States does so via Mexico. American intelligence documents obtained by *The New York Times* last month said cocaine smugglers working with Colombian drug cartels were setting up factories, warehouses and transport firms as "fronts" in Mexico, to exploit the cross-border commerce that the North American Free Trade Agreement would generate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Multiracial poll date proposed

Johannesburg: A multiparty planning committee at South Africa's democracy negotiations has proposed holding the country's first all-race election on April 27 next year.

The ten-member committee presented a draft resolution, proposing the date to a 104-member negotiating council which will debate the issue, saying that the move would bring optimism and hope hope to the nation. *(Reuter)*

Drugs murder

Medellín: Carlos Arturo Henao, the brother-in-law of Pablo Escobar, was found murdered on the outskirts of Medellín in the latest of a series of attacks against the fugitive Colombian drug lord and his allies. *(Reuter)*

Haiti pressure

Washington: President Clinton is planning to freeze the American assets and revoke the US visas of Haiti's military leaders to try to force them to restore the elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Bomber's lure

Colombo: The suicide bomber who assassinated President Premadasa of Sri Lanka provided women and drink to a servant of the head of state to infiltrate his private residence, police said. *(AFP)*

$100m award

New York: A jury has awarded $100.5 million (£65 million), thought to be America's largest compensation payment to living victims, to Allison Marmol and her infant son, who were injured by a police car in 1989. *(Reuter)*

Clever boy

Delhi: A parrot squawked the names of its rightful owner's children in court and helped a judge settle a dispute over the bird after a woman in Kerala state accused her neighbour of stealing it. *(AP)*

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British COAL

Israel's angry rabbis take the fizz out of Pepsi

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

UNCOWED by the combined might of Michael Jackson and Pepsico, which makes Pepsi Cola, Israel's rabbinical authorities have stood up to the multinational duo, condemning them as "abominations" unfit for Jewish consumption.

In a move that would impress even some of Iran's more militant clerics, the Jewish state's religious guardians have revoked Pepsi's *kosher* certificate and attacked its sponsorship for Jackson's forthcoming concert in Tel Aviv.

"Our decision to remove the *kosher* certificate from Pepsi is final," said a spokesman for the ultra-Orthodox *kashrut* supervisory body. "Not only because of Michael Jackson and his planned performance on the night of the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah [the Jewish new year], but because of all the sponsorships for performances and all of this idol worship."

Although Pepsico fought hard to win its *kosher* stamp when it entered the Israeli consumer market last year to challenge Coca Cola's virtual monopoly, it has since been locked in a continuous battle with the rabbis who control what can and cannot be sold on Israeli supermarket shelves.

Pepsico first angered the holy men when it launched an advertising campaign depicting man's evolution from ape to modern-day Pepsi drinker, forgetting that Darwinian theory is condemned by the followers of the Old Testament who insist God that created the world in seven days.

After incurring rabbinical wrath once more when it turned to more mundane marketing methods, like scantily clad Israeli girls, it crossed the threshold of religious tolerance when it sponsored a recent concert by the rock group Guns N' Roses.

The rabbis were enraged when eager fans arrived early at the concert hall to get the best seats before the sabbath ended on Saturday night. They now fear a repeat performance when Jackson is due to play on Saturday, September 18.

Pepsico is now attempting to reschedule the concert date to placate the rabbis, although it admitted yesterday that for the time being it could see no way of winning back the soft drink's *kosher* stamp of approval, which can determine the product loyalty of thousands of Jews.

The importance of the *kashrut* certificate was emphasised this week, when leaders of a Hassidic sect in the ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood of Bnei Brak near Tel Aviv considered destroying 15,000 bottles of Pepsi purchased for the wedding of the grandson of a leading rabbi. In the event the beverage was drunk because its *kosher* stamp predated the dispute.



Michael Jackson: "idol worship" condemned

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My disaster at the dispatch box

A visit to the Tate Gallery, followed by a long, bibulous evening . . . new employment minister **Alan Clark** was fatally over-confident before his first big Commons test

SALLY SOAMES



We tasted first a bottle of '61 Palmer, then a delicious Pichon Longueville. Fool, Clark, fool

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
Thursday, June 30, 1983

I still like to go to prime minister's Questions. I sit on the little cross bench below the bar on the Labour side, which allows me to hear a lot of what is said on their benches and also gives a good diagonal enfilade of our side.

Poor Bob Dunn, one of the five backbench promotions, made the most frightful hash of his Question Time, fumbling, stumbling and sitting down halfway through the answers until a Labour Member cruelly suggested (Bob is a junior education minister) that he may consider taking a course in articulacy. The Speaker, meaning kindly, attempted to defend him, but this only made matters worse. I dread my own Questions, set for 19 July; it must be absolutely terrifying. Once or twice in the last couple of weeks I have sidled into the Chamber in the mornings and held the dispatch box and looked round. A very odd feeling.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
Tuesday, July 5

Norman Tebbit is truly formidable. He radiates menace, but without being overtly aggressive. He seldom smiles, but goes straight to the heart of a subject, never gets diverted into detail, always sees the political implications.

I have just come from a meeting on "Special Employment Measures" (these tacky schemes to get people off the Register). My own mind is a maelstrom of nit-picking detail, eligibility rules, small print of a kind that civil servants relish — not least because they can browbeat ministers as a team, with one bespectacled *Guardian* reader in sole charge of each "Scheme" and thus in complete command of its detailed provisions. The unfortunate minister blunders about like a bull on sawdust with the picadors galloping round him sticking in their horrid barbed banderillas (if that's what they are).

"But no, minister ha-ha, in that case the eligibility entitlement would have lapsed . . ."

"Ah, yes, minister, but there is no provision under the Order for. . ."

'Mmm, minister, it would have to be discretionary and that could only be exercised in exceptional circumstances . . ."

This particular tautologous cliché always irritates me. "I beg to enclose the enclosed enclosure," I said.

The officials looked startled. Is the minister going soft in the head?

But the moment Norman came in he took complete control. Admittedly, the secretary of state is always right. Rule Number One of Whitehall. Even if he's as thick as a plank officials must rally round, and "help" him. Norman's own position is particularly strong, as he is known to be a special favourite of the Lady, of whom they are all completely terrified. And with good reason. The wretched Donald Derx (deputy secretary at the department) apparently became impatient with her thought processes some time ago — early in the '79 Parliament before the old *nostra* had been undermined, and these changes confirmed by the electorate; and at their first meeting was emboldened to be "cutting" in response. She marked his card on the spot, and he is going to take early retirement, having "had it conveyed to him" that he will never make permanent secretary.

So they arse-lick, massively, with Norman. Which he accepts, expressionlessly, but without letting it deflect him. At one point he turned to me. "Well, what do you think, Alan?" I was tongue-tied. I couldn't speak the way he did, crudely but shrewdly; nor could I express myself in Whitehall convoluted phrases, double negative conditionals. I was useless. Will I ever get any better? I've only been here three weeks, I suppose, although it feels like a lifetime. The trouble is, it's so boring, the material. I simply can't "master" it. If only I was at the Foreign Office, or the MoD. Still, better to get fit in the prison yard first.

Jenny Easterbrook [private secretary] is fussing about some Order I've got to put through the House on equal pay. Endless briefings she's arranging. What's the point? It's after hours, everyone will have gone home, all I have to do is stand at the Box and read a civil service briefing.

But I am a bit twitchy about "First for Questions", now coming over the horizon.

SALTWOOD
Friday, July 22

Fool. Clark. Fool. fool, fool. This week I went up a stubby ladder; then down a very long snake.

Questions were fine. The first one came from Cyril Smith. Naturally, the crib didn't cover it, but Norman told me the gist of an answer out of the corner of his mouth as I rose to my feet. Cyril whumphed back in his seat with a sulky expression. Canavan tried to give a bit of trouble but was maladroit, and I scored. Others were barely noticeable. To my great delight I read sideways in the whip's book (it was Hamilton), "Clark dealt v. well with Canavan. He has a nice slow delivery which holds the attention of the House." Could one ask for more? Afterwards Nigel Forman, a good judge of most things, said, "It's nice to hear a genuine toff's accent at the Box occasionally." Many other compliments were paid.

Alas! An odious over-confidence burgeoned. Anyone can do this. Child's play. My friends encouraged me. In the dining room Tristan said, "We're selling tickets for Al's performance tomorrow . . ." I resolved not to disappoint them. Looking back now, I realise I was amazingly, suicidally, over-confident.

I was booked to dine with Christopher [Selmes], for a *wine-tasting*. I left the department unusually early because I wanted to go to the Braque exhibition at the Tate. Tony Newton (whom I like) was wandering round, and said something about it was nice to see ministers broadening their minds even though they would be "performing" in a few hours' time. Airily, I told him that I wouldn't be back in the House until ten; I was going on to a dinner.

That f***ing text! I'd barely looked at it. Norman had sent for me at tea time, said good luck and all that, and "just stick to the text". In fairness, and presciently, he had also said, "Don't try any jokes." Situation not helped by the fact that officials had twice called in their original version and "incorporated certain changes, minister". So I didn't really start to mark it up until I was in the back of the car going from the Tate to Christopher's house (not far). It seemed frightfully long. So long, indeed, that I would have to excise certain passages.

But which? And yet this didn't really seem very important as we "tasted" first a bottle of '61 Palmer, then "for comparison" a bottle of '75 Palmer then, switching back to '61, a really delicious Pichon Longueville. Geoffrey Roberts was the only other guest. By 9.40 I was muzzy. Joan (the driver) had already been waiting ten minutes. I was meeting officials "behind the Chair" before the ten o'clock vote. The text was still virtually unmarked and unexcised.

A huge Havana was produced, and I puffed it deeply while struggling with my speech under the tiny little reading light in the back.

There were the officials, all anxious but deferential. I exhaled smoke at them. Grand seigneur. The chamber was unusually full for an after-ten event. When I was called there was a ragged, undeferential cheer from the benches behind. But an awful lot of Labour people seemed to be in as well. Including, it seemed, every female in their parliamentary strength. I recognised many of the *tricoteuses* who kept us up night after night in the summer of 1976 filibustering (successfully) the committee stage of Bill Benyon's bill to reduce the maximum age at which babies can legally be murdered from *six months to three*.

As I started, the sheer odiousness of the text sank in. The purpose of the Order, to make it more likely (I would put it no stronger than that) that women should be paid the same rate for the same task, as men, was unchallengeable. In my view, in most instances, women deserve not less but *more* than the loutish, leering, cigaretting males who control most organisations at most levels. But give a civil servant a good case and he'll wreck it with clichés, bad punctuation, double negatives and convoluted apology. Stir into this a directive from the European Community, some contrived legal precedent and a few caveats from the European Court of Justice and you have a text which is impossible to read — never mind read *out*.

I found myself dwelling on, implicitly, it could be said, sneering at, the more cumbrous and unintelligible passages. Elaine Kellet-Bowman, who has a very squeaky voice, squeaked, kept squeaking, at me, "Speed up".

Some of the House got the point, enjoyed what I was doing, but I sensed also a certain restlessness starting to run around the chamber. I did speed up. I gabbled. Helter-skelter I galloped through the text. Sometimes I turned over two pages at once, sometimes three. What did it matter? There was no shape to it. No linkage from one proposition to another.

Up bobbed a teeny little fellow, Janner by name, a Labour lawyer who always wears a pink carnation in his buttonhole. He asked me what the last paragraph "meant".

How the hell did I know what it meant? I smoothed away. He started bobbing up and down as, it seemed, did about 15 people on the other side, plus I couldn't see how many on my own, to my side and behind me. This had the makings of a disaster.

Then, the inevitable. "Point of order. Mr deputy Speaker," I sat down. A new Labour member whom I had never seen before, called Clare Short, dark-haired and serious with a lovely Brummie accent, said something about she'd read that you couldn't accuse a fellow member of being drunk, but she really believed I was incapable. "It is disrespectful to the House and to the office that he holds that he should come here in this condition."

Screams, yells, shouts of "Withdraw", counter-shouts. General uproar. On and on went the points of order. I sat, smiling weakly, my lips as dry as sandpaper. The chamber began to fill up, and there were at least 15 people standing at the bar of the House.

On the whole, I'm pretty relaxed about rows and flare-ups. But this had an ominous feel to it. On and on went the shouting. "ORDER," kept bellowing dear old Ernie Armstrong, the deputy Speaker. The House was alight. Soon, wearing an uneasy half-smile, definitely *not* catching my eye, appeared the figure of the leader of the House, John Biffen.

Now this was a bad sign. The leader only attends business after ten o'clock when there is a *major row*. And a truly terrible threat began to seep through to me. Perhaps we were going to "lose the business". This is not the same as being defeated on a vote: it simply means that the whole thing has to be brought back before the House at a later date. The entire government legislative schedule is put out of kilter — and the whips loathe it. Indeed, as far as the whips go, no other misdemeanour compares. I could see anxious conferrals starting up with the chair, and behind.

Bob Wareing asked if it would be in order for an honourable or right honourable Member to address the House if he were drunk. Ernie said that this was a hypothetical question, "and now we must get on with the debate".

Passions were (temporarily) spent and I rose to my feet. But the atmosphere was different. I had lost confidence and in its special extra sensory way the House knew that something "wasn't quite right". My supporters were silent. And others on our side were emboldened to be portentous and, by implication, reproachful. I forced my way through to the end, another 15 minutes or so, feeling like Lucky Jim at the award ceremony, before coming to the magic signing-off phrase, "I commend these regulations to the House".

Now if there's one vice in which the House really likes to indulge, it is being sanctimonious. Each speaker took his cue from the last: so sad, such an opportunity cast away, the great traditions of the department, Walter Monckton, Ernest Bevin, Macleod (how the f*** did he come into it?), Harold Macmillan, Stockton, breadth of understanding, unpardonable levity, offensive to both sides of the argument (what argument?), after-dinner speech. And, of course, incomparably menacing, that the House should have a full opportunity to debate the issue; send for more papers, data should be placed in the library.

I held my breath. It was coming up to midnight and, thank God, it had been agreed that I was not expected to "reply" to the debate. This in fact was a trap which Labour had laid, hoping that the Speaker would then rule that the matter should be heard another day. Sure enough, with only a few minutes left, Nigel Spearing, one of their best barrack-room lawyers, rose and cited Standing Order No. 3(1)(b), which gives the Speaker a discretion to decide that the matter be adjourned. Very splendidly, Ernie said that he "had had this in mind throughout the debate".

One more brief kerfuffle, and the division was called. Nobody spoke to me much in the aye lobby, although little garden gnome Peter Rost sidled up and said, "After a performance like that I almost considered voting against."

Poxy little runt, what's he ever done?

In the car Joan asked, "What was all that row about, minister?" (Knowing full well, I don't doubt.)

"They were saying I was drunk. But I wasn't, was I?"

"No, minister, of course you weren't. I've never seen you drunk."

That's that, then.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
Thursday, July 28

The House rises today, in effect. In the dining room our table was joined by little Douglas Hogg, now a junior whip. I can't decide whether he is likeable or not. (But I should say that many do not have this difficulty.) I don't mind people being rude, provided that they are not uncouth with it. But he is colossally self-satisfied — or is it a chip? I suspect he has a tearful side. It *is* said that in the days of their courtship he used to follow the object of his desire and her paramour at a distance, and stalk them, peeping from shop doorways, like a bad secret agent.

"Well," I said, "how are you keeping all the new boys in order?"

Without a second's hesitation, he got my middle stump. "By offering them your job."

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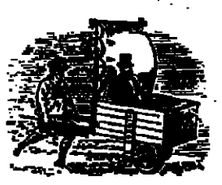
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Winston Churchill on his 'tasteless outburst' . . . and the perils of a backbencher saying the unsayable

My first thought was to call an Asian doctor — where would we be without immigrants?



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JOHN MANNING

Outspoken: Churchill's speech provoked a furore but, he says, "We can't solve the problems of Asia and Africa by a policy of immigration to the United Kingdom"

Why should Winston Churchill so disrupt the serenity of his charmed existence? Instead of enjoying the Whitsun recess with wife Minnie in their fine old house in which monks once lived, with its blaze of rhododendrons under soft summer rain, and Henry the horse in the paddock, he is under siege from hacks, television crews and the *Jewish Chronicle*, who told him — to his genuine amazement — that they found his speech about race alarming.

But, like any backbencher, he would rather be in demand than not. Unrepentant is not the word: there is nothing to repent. He did not intend to stir up a hornet's nest; but he does not regret a word.

We sit in the library, surrounded by his grandfather's books, his father's, his grandmother's: now all his. "Well, I am the only son of the only son." This has given him a lifetime's supply of unshakeable confidence, a bombastic laugh and an ebullience that not even his losses at Lloyd's (which have wiped out his MP's salary for three years) can repress.

I am struck by the portrait over the fireplace. It is not of any illustrious ancestor but a coal-black face in a fancy hat. Who can it be? "A Balliol man," he replies with a roar. "That is a House joke" (that is, the jest of a Christ Church man). "It is King Sondris of Haiti. It is by Hobday, one of the two finest portraits here. It came from my wife's family."

Also of interest is a portrait of his great-grandmother, with distinct red indian features: it seems her mother was an Iroquois squaw named Mehitabel Beech. But then the Churchill family is a broad church. Pamela Harriman, his Democrat mother, is just installed as the US Ambassador in Paris — and she told him this week that the French government is keen to bring immigration down to zero. He went to Washington for her swearing-in. "She rang and said 'Can you bring a Bible?' So I took Jennie Jerome's Bible, inscribed to Winston on his marriage to Clementine Hozier, 1908."

The telephone rings. It is Lord Tebbit. "Norman!" Silence. "Rocking the boat? Me?" Laughter. Lord Tebbit has made one of his lugubrious *faux*-outraged rebukes.

"Incredible, the reaction of our party, isn't it?" he says to Tebbit. "But my phone hasn't stopped and everyone, apart from one doctor in Leicester, is in full support. The switchboard at Smith Square is deluged. *Swamped* is the word, yes." Lord Tebbit is to be on tonight's *Any Questions*. "And I'm on *The Frost Programme* on Thursday!" trumps Mr Churchill, who has cancelled a trip to Portugal for it. He dispatches to Lord Tebbit an article he wrote in 1968 saluting Harold Wilson for his immigration curbs. "My twin-track approach has been consistent. I have championed the interests of the ethnic community, while at the same time saying we must call a halt to the ongoing flow."

Mr Churchill once lived by journalism. He still hankers for the days when he would fly off in his Piper Cub, taking his wife ("To hell with this, Minnie — fasten your seatbelt") to a war zone. To say "Winston Churchill here" was useful if you had to ring Moshe Dayan at midnight: "The name has not always worked to my disadvantage."

He covered Biafra with Frederick Forsyth, until Forsyth's BBC reports so embarrassed the government that he went off to write *The Day of the Jackal*. Mr Churchill's dispatches were equally unflinching. His photograph albums of bombed Biafran women and children are annotated with the official view of Sir David Hunt: "My dear fellow, you cannot believe these stories of deliberate Nigerian bombings of hospitals . . ."

"Tell me," Mr Churchill asked, "have you ever been bunched by the editor of *The Times*?" "Punched?" I said, astonished. "*Bunched*. Sent a bouquet of flowers." I thought not. "When I got back from Biafra there was a huge bouquet from William Rees-Mogg. He knew that I had been into the jaws of hell."

Ethnic problems, surely, do not surface much in rural Kent? "No. We have an excellent tandoori and a very good Chinese, where we dined only last night. Reporters have been trying to get them to say terrible things about us, but they were shown the door.

"And when my son Jack broke his wrist yesterday my instant reaction was to get my secretary to call the excellent Asian doctor who fixed both my ankle and Minnie's ankle. Where would the health service be without the immigrant communities?"

The press has rounded on Mr Churchill this week. "A tasteless outburst" (*The Times*), "An insignificant talent travelling on an ancestral name" (Edward Pearce, *The Guardian*). "Not Churchill's finest hour" (*The Daily Telegraph*).

Less predictable was *The Observer* story from his Davyhulme (Manchester) constituency about Asian shopkeepers supporting him. "Remarkably fair reporting," Mr Churchill said, "considering they are not my natural allies, not least because I have sued them twice." The out-of-court settlements paid for the Churchills' silver wedding, and also for a trust fund for a crippled Nepalese girl named Manmaya who captured his heart. "I called Minnie and said, 'Fasten your seatbelt, you have just acquired another daughter'. We brought her to London for surgery, and she is now in Dr Bannerjee's English school in Katmandu." Mr Churchill, then, is not to be "compartmentalised".

He has a track record of compassion. He arranged refuge for 25 Bosnians in Moray. Vladimir Bukovsky, the Soviet human rights leader, lived in his house for a year.

"But we can't take everybody. We can't solve the problems of Asia and Africa by a policy of immigration to this tiny island.

"I really resent people trying to tar me with a racist brush. I have always gone *so far* out of my way to combat fascism and racism. George Tonypandy and I run the parliamentary council against anti-semitism. I've just addressed the Board of Deputies of British Jews on the fiftieth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising."

But the *Jewish Chronicle* thought his Bolton speech disturbingly inflammatory. His response is that what is unhealthy is not being allowed to discuss the situation, while tensions build up and erupt. "If ugly groups like the British National Party spring up it is partly because the subject is not on the agenda at all. It gives them a clear space from which to operate."

The opposite, if obvious, argument is that his speech might give a respectability to the BNP mob, who might feel, in Mrs Thatcher's word, swamped? "I deliberately did not use that sort of language," he said. "Nor did I use Mr Powell's emotive rhetoric."

A coronation photograph shows Winston, aged 12 (with grandfather, then prime minister), in pageboy suit with frogging, lace jabot and sword. Another proud memory is of walking behind the gun-carriage at his grandfather's state funeral — codenamed "Operation Hope Not" — in 1965 with his father Randolph, who had just had a lung removed but was determined to make it to St Paul's on foot. Most moving of all was being on the train that carried the coffin from Waterloo, when all along the route the back gardens of suburban houses were filled with children waving flags and old soldiers wearing their medals, some in wheelchairs, saluting.

Such a grandfather casts a long shadow. Young Winston is now 52. Having been one of the first MPs promoted by Mrs Thatcher, to be "cast into the outer darkness" for defying the whip on Rhodesian sanctions he has had altogether too quiet a life. No wonder he is enjoying himself.

The last time he was besieged by the press was over Mrs Soraya Khashoggi, a storm Mr and Mrs Churchill weathered with patrician aplomb. This, at least, is about freedom to speak the unspeakable, which next to thinking the unthinkable is the Tory party's first blast against political correctness.

The rediscovering of Diana

The Princess of Wales has put her misery to use in a genuine new role

On view: The Princess of Wales has shown her courage

The pack is turning on the Princess of Wales. I suppose that, after her mental-health speech, 48 hours was quite a decent interval before the appearance of the first newspaper article headlined "Why I am fed up with Diana's self-indulgent psychobabble". This came out yesterday, dripping with scorn for the "culture of complaint". Stoicism, it briskly explained, was the thing. Women are not "victims".

I doubt that either the psychiatrists at the conference or the princess herself would quibble with that. The charity, Turning Point, is concerned with the drink, drug and mental-health problems of both sexes. It runs practical services for genuinely distressed men and women. It does not patrol the streets with loudspeaker vans shouting "Hoy! Women! You are victims! Society did this to you!". At the daily level, in the addicts' and other groups the princess visits, charities like this rarely support any "victim culture". They have no need to tout for work: there is enough to do helping the overstretched health service pick up the pieces before another young mother jumps from a tower block with her babies. They collect statistics, and it seemed to them that women (who are also the main custodians of children) are showing a worrying increase in disturbance.

As for their patron, she is after all the girl who chose the hymn "I vow to thee my country" for her wedding, and whose marriage has left her not entirely unpractised in stoicism herself. It was fascinating, in this week's orgy of royal TV, to see archive shots of a pale, resolute, miserable, hungry Diana sitting through assorted tedious Troopings and Garter ceremonies in the eighties, putting the Family first. She could have behaved worse: her sister-in-law did.

I had a good view of Tuesday's speeches, because I chaired the conference as a last-minute substitute. I am able to assure you exclusively that Diana did not, as widely reported, "nod vigorously" when Dr Miriam Stoppard said that marriage is bad for women's mental health. She merely giggled. But what struck and surprised me most was a new impressiveness in that pale, sad young woman. The Princess of Wales has found something, unresented and un-royal to do. After arriving in a shudder of nervousness, at the lectern she switched on an almost theatrical intensity, dredging up every word from the heart. When she spoke of loneliness, anger, frustration and humiliation, she looked her audience directly in the eye.

Unlike the professional speakers, she faced the fact that we knew too much about her: we had peeped, eavesdropped, rung up Squidgygate telephone services and breakfasted on tales of her hurling herself downstairs. She is not a fool: she knows she has been a soap-opera and that we have followed it. If, having won the separation battle, she had taken the Garbo option, nobody could blame her.

But, encouraged by canny charities, she has found another use for this ridiculous and undignified situation. Her image and her history are the tools nearest her hand, and since she still seems to want to vow us the service of her love, she uses them. "Self-indulgent" is not the word: like the woman who spoke at the Conservative conference about her rape, the princess invades her own privacy to make other people feel less isolated.

Not people in the sneering and sophisticated classes. The television news is probably the way she reaches her real target: the unheard women who cook and clean and cope, who press her hand on walkabouts. She believes she can alleviate the guilty stoicism of that "mustn't grumble" culture — Asian women were particularly mentioned — who are overworked, abused, and fobbed off with pills. "It can take enormous courage," she said, "for women to admit that they cannot cope." It also takes courage to drop deliberate personal clues which will guarantee attention for everything she says. No royal person has ever stood so naked before us.

After the speech the princess was relieved and lighthearted. The professionals, older women armed with deanships and presidencies of royal colleges, crowded round offering a direct warmth few Windsors in our Puritanian, kowtow society can ever have felt. They told her she had done some good. I think she deserved to know that.

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■ The travelling public is being fiendishly and promiscuously tormented

I am one of British Rail's most privileged commuters. Or so they tell me. My line, the Great Northern, which runs between the City and the outer suburbs of Hertfordshire, has been modernised to the eyeballs, tarted up with garish new livery, and streamlined to a point which makes it eligible for the first string of privatised franchises. It is also now almost useless as a means of getting to work on time. Over recent years, British Rail has shrunk the service to a ghost of its old self, thus leaving it a desperate fallback for those with no serious appointments to keep.

In the latest schedules, virtually all of the extra rush-hour services have been withdrawn: between 8 am and 10 am there are now just five trains, with roughly half-hour gaps between them. And this has had predictable results. Even these trains are scarcely full, partly because working life in the City has been temporarily disrupted by the Bishopsgate bombing, but mainly because more and more people are simply giving up on the train.

What are we to conclude from this? That this government has a deep ideological commitment to the private car and is engaged in a systematic programme of running down the railways? Certainly it has not cut back spending on roads as much as it has reduced subsidy on public transport, nor has it suggested (until very recently) that roads should be made to "pay their way" as rail is expected to do.

Nor has it actively penalised car-users by closing down whole road networks in the way it has closed train lines, nor even by withdrawing access to town and city centres for private cars. So is this a concerted political policy to force us all into being private drivers as opposed to public-sector passengers? This seems consistent with the claim of Dennis Tunnicliffe, London Underground's managing director, that the Treasury has reduced by a third the money it had promised for modernisation of the Tube.

But let us listen for a moment to that other lobby which is almost as clamorous as that of the rail users: car drivers do not feel that they are being smiled upon at all by this government. The Automobile Association has just released a report showing that the cost of driving has increased at a rate four times that of inflation. The AA is waving sheets of statistics which seem almost as damning as my local rail timetable: while inflation stood at 1.3 per cent in April, motoring costs have risen by an average of 4.9 per cent. This means that a car owner covering 10,000 miles a year is paying between £130 and £375 more.

Much of this increase is related directly to government increases in petrol and road tax. Most of the rest is due to rocketing insurance premiums. The latest bombshell is the transport ministry's suggestion of an additional motorway charge, which would not only penalise all those who must travel long distances in order to find work or do business, but would increase haulage costs and quite likely result in the bankruptcy of many small hauliers.

So what is the hapless motorist to conclude? That the government has it in for him too? That he is being gleefully fleeced by the Treasury and its disciples in the insurance business to whom he is now a captive, having been forced to use his car more and more because of a disappearing and unreliable rail service?

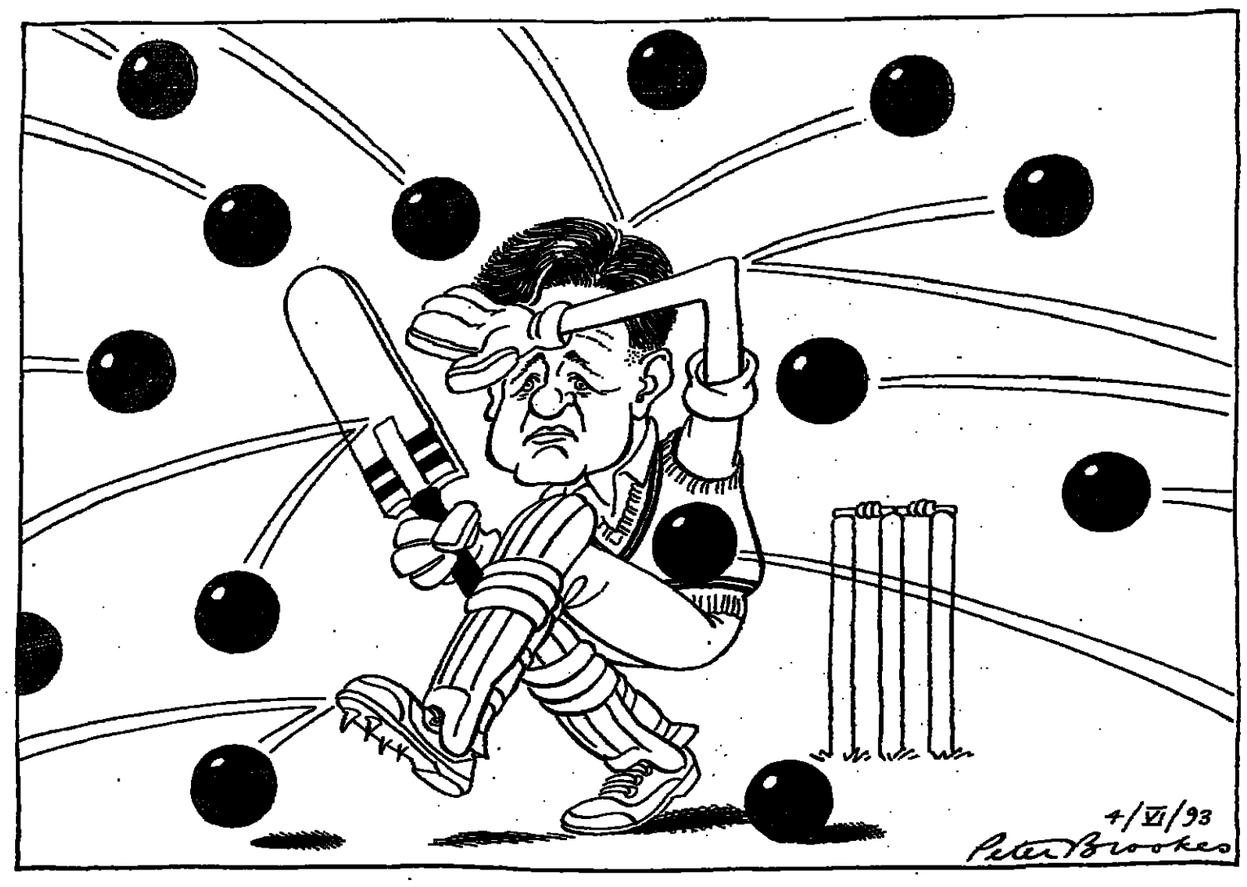
Since the logic of town planning has for a generation been to increase dependence on the car — small local shops being systematically killed off in favour of outlying shopping centres and supermarkets set in acres of car park — and rural areas have been left with no public transport whatever, someone somewhere seems to have decided that car ownership was the way of the future. Is he (or they — whoever they may be) on speaking terms with the transport ministry and the Treasury? If so, might they not compare notes?

> It seems to be policy to penalise all forms of transit

Until they do, the would-be travelling populace will be left to conclude that it is being fiendishly and promiscuously tormented by a government which, contrary to rumour, *does* have a coordinated transport policy. That policy is to stamp out transport altogether. Apparently seeing no connection at all between economic recovery and the need for people to move about — from the country to the town, from the provinces to London, from suburbs to the town centre — the government is out to penalise all forms of transit.

This is not, although it may seem to be, from deliberate malice, but because it realises that travel is necessary and that one of the most effective ways to raise revenue is to tax necessities. Once again, short-termism has triumphed.

Nothing alienates a population more than the feeling that while going about its daily business, it is being persecuted by its elected government. Ask yourself why the Italians put up with generations of appalling government. Perhaps because their politicians had sense enough not to interfere with a splendid public transport system which allows Italians to feel that they at least have the freedom to journey unharried around their own country.



THE TESTS MATCH

A giant goes home

Alexander Solzhenitsyn's greatest gift to his countrymen may be yet to come

Bernard Levin

We have it on Shakespeare's authority, no less, that the whirligig of time brings in his revenges. But can there ever have been any revenge so sweet, or any revolution of the clocks so meaningful, as the news that Alexander Solzhenitsyn is shortly to return to his homeland, Russia, after almost exactly 20 years of forced exile? And what a homeland!

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone . . .
Stand in the desart. Near them, on the sand . . .

The day he was expelled from the then Soviet Union was one I still remember vividly; it was in 1974, and Brezhnev, coward to the end, dared not have him killed, so great was his international stature by then. But nor could the giant be put back into prison or concentration-camp, if only because he would find a way of getting his words out; by then, the expansion of *samizdat* had gone so far that anything heard on the vast complex of grapevines with which the country was bestrewn would be common knowledge before sundown. And above all, Solzhenitsyn could not be allowed to live his own life in his own way, because most of that life and way would be a series of demands for freedom for his country, varied by denunciations of the regime and its actions. Nor was that an empty threat; the man who wrote *The Gulag Archipelago* and circulated it, *sub rosa*, in his own country, making sure that it would also reach freedom, was not a man to be intimidated by a crew of thugs, none of whom dared to let any of the others out of sight, so trustful of each other were they.

Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown . . .

So what did Brezhnev do? He sent a posse of his KGB to Solzhenitsyn's home; they flung him into a van, drove him to Moscow airport and bundled him into the next plane that was going anywhere outside Brezhnev's empire. The plane was going to West Germany, and a few hours later (if Brezhnev didn't have the spunk to kill him on Soviet soil, he certainly lacked the bottle for having the plane shot down) Alexander Solzhenitsyn was in exile.

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read . . .

The Germans came up trumps, treating their unexpected visitor like the hero he was; so did the French, more surprisingly and thus more commendably (Sartre was still — not that he ever stopped — eager to lick any boot worn by any Soviet criminal); so, from afar, were the Americans. Only our country was shamed; the ranks of fellow-travellers, not least in Parliament, took to sneering at the giant, and the BBC shamed itself as well as Britain. When Solzhenitsyn was interviewed on *Panorama*, the conditions of secrecy surrounding the broadcast meant that only a small number of people saw it; there was no trailer. But, almost unbelievably, there was a strong faction in the BBC arguing against a repeat, lest more people should see and hear the terrible truth. (The faction did not prevail, and the repeat was seen.)

Whatever the in-fighting in the BBC, the people — the ordinary people, who know the difference between right and wrong, and prefer right — made clear that the giant's message was understood. Unvarnished, it said that we, the West, were responsible for the evil in the Soviet Union, because we had never had the courage or indeed the wish to face the enemy eye to eye.

The ordinary people showed their betters an example; a substantial quantity of the text of the broadcast was published in *The Listener*, and for the first and last time in its history that magazine had to be reprinted, so great was the demand for the giant's words. And those searing words of truth challenged the lies from which he had been forcibly ejected; we can be certain that he knew, from brave men and women who risked everything to keep him informed, that his message had been delivered to the country that dared not hold him.

Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed . . .

Alexander Solzhenitsyn had three burning and unswerving ambitions. They were, first, to see the Soviet Union crumble into grimy dust; second, to finish the mighty epic story of its rise and fall, chronicled in the series of novels on which he has been employed for more than a quarter of a century; third, to go back to the land of his birth, now cleansed of the detritus of communism, and live there for the rest of his life, with his wonderful consort, Natalya.

So he swore three oaths; they corresponded to his three ambitions, and all three oaths said the same thing: I shall not die until I have accomplished what I set out to do.

Nor will he. He will find, when he lands at Moscow, that he has come home to a bleak and barren world, a world of strife — even murderous strife — and poverty, a land where bickering too often takes the place of advancement. Will he be disheartened? Come: this man lay six years in Stalin's Archipelago and survived, survived not by stealing his comrades' rations (and they were pitiful enough), nor by stoolpigeoning for the guards, but by the fire in his breast, which no one and nothing could put out until those three ambitions were satisfied.

And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"

Where did he get that faith, that unlimited faith that his vows would not be broken? It was easy for me to predict the fall of the Soviet Union, for I wasn't living in it; imagine not just living in it, but living in it year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation, with nothing to conjure hope, no glimpse of melioration, never a moment not filled with lies. And that of course was merely for those who suffered in silence, who did nothing and had nothing done to them. But think of the millions slaughtered in Stalin's frenzied genocide, think of a world where an official would find on his desk a memorandum ordering him to round up the population of half a dozen villages with, say, a few thousand people in each, and ship them immediately eastwards, never to return.

But of course it was much worse than that. From outside they came, the dupes and liars, the fools and rogues, the simpletons and the wicked; often the two ranks were indistinguishable one from the other, nor did it much matter where the Soviet slaves were concerned, for I suppose it hurts no more or less if someone is telling lies or being lied to. But imagine liar and lied-to, hand in hand, peering into the cage, while a thousand devils laugh uproariously, and more than a thousand go home and tell their neighbours what an exciting and happy country the Soviet Union is.

One down, two to go, but it cannot be long now until the other two account-books are for ever shut. The Soviet Union is no more; Solzhenitsyn is still at work on his gigantic *roman-fleuve*, and now he has promised to return to the earth that bore him. He had already stipulated that all the false charges brought against him before corrupt witnesses, and even more corrupt judges, must be formally overturned. They were, in 1991. *Nihil obstat.*

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare . . .

And yet perhaps the people of his country need him even more than they think, perhaps more than he thinks himself; perhaps there is another duty waiting for him for when he disembarks from the plane, and this one the greatest yet. It would be reasonable to make him a noble figurehead — a president, say, or a roving speaker of all the parliaments, or a mighty, nation-wide ombudsman. These things would befit his dignity and his faith, but there is a more urgent task for him. The constituent parts of what had been the Soviet Union fell, one by one, off the dying body of that most wicked rule. Could it not be Solzhenitsyn's last great blessing on his country — that country he loved in the Gulag and in exile — to mend the broken borders, to unite the chafing and warring groups, to bring the single nationalisms into one, yet keeping the distinction of each? Then, his three ambitions fulfilled, he might contemplate the past as well as the future, that past drenched in evil, and wonder how human beings could do such things to other human beings.

. . . The lone and level sands stretch far away.

Agenda for the Tory right

Edward Leigh rallies the new generation

As I waved goodbye to my government driver last week, I breathed a sigh of relief. Not at losing his cheery countenance from my life, but because he was a symbol of my servitude to the ministerial brief. In saying goodbye to me, the prime minister made it clear that as a man of strong convictions I was a danger to his government. Yet he would like me less without the convictions.

Well, I like John Major too, and wish him well. So he won't mind if I give him some friendly advice.

The country is crying out for strong leadership and a sense of purpose. The party is aching for sound Conservative policies which enthuse our supporters. At the county council elections, they stayed at home. Let's give them something to believe in for the next general election. Forget the battles over Maastricht, the exchange-rate mechanism, the poll tax, the public sector deficit — look to the future.

We should remember what happened in the early 1970s. Then a tiny group of principled MPs, Keith Jospeh, Nicholas Ridley, Margaret Thatcher, John Biffen, Airey Neave and a few others, began — at first with faltering steps and then with more confidence — a movement which we now know as Thatcherism. During the 1970s, they created the intellectual climate that was for them an astounding success in the early and mid 1980s. They have all passed away or left the House now, with the exception of Mr Biffen. A new generation must carry the baton forward. We must now speak out with all the vigour at our command for what we believe in.

So I thank Mr Major for releasing me. I feel not a drop of bitterness. Indeed I like him more now. I had decided not to resign my post at the third reading of the Maastricht bill — although I wanted to — so that I could go on arguing my corner from within, and I did so. But now I am very happy to do the same from without. Ultimatley one's conscience should come first.

So what should be on our agenda for the next century? Great Britain needs to carve out for itself a unique place in the world as the free-trade entrepôt of a multi-faceted Europe. We must be a low-taxation, deregulated haven for investment. We need to cut out talk of being at the heart of Europe, which sends confusing messages (for why then seek opt-outs over Maastricht?): we need to abandon once and for all any talk of joining a single currency or the ERM. Others in Europe will create political structures. That is not our way.

Achieving all this will not be easy, but arguing that Maastricht would make it any easier is nonsense. Why else are President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl so committed to it? We have been alone before and been proved right. At home, we must reject talk of increasing direct taxation. Mr Major would become the George Bush of British politics if he were to do that. Why else did people vote Tory if not to keep their taxes down?

So how should we tackle the deficit? When Peter Lilley was moved from the trade and industry department to the social security department, he became responsible for a budget 80 times larger. This is a symptom of something wrong with our priorities.

Why did we pledge ourselves to increasing child benefit, instead of allowing it to wither on the vine? How may of those dependent upon the state would drift away if workfare were introduced? Perhaps we need a complete restructuring of the taxation and benefit system to encourage opportunity, rather than dependence. Perhaps we should rearrange social security so that it is given only to the few in need, with a hands-on approach, rather than the many, with flat-rate benefits. Should we also phase in private insurance for young people to replace state pensions?

The principle of free education and health care at the point of delivery must be sacrosanct, but increasingly it should be provided by the private sector. This is not dogma. As we get richer and demand more, it is a necessity. There is a world of exciting new opportunities as we merge private and public provision of essential social care.

Do we need to restructure our armed forces, too, to make them into a highly effective rapid-action force? Should local authorities be remodelled as small contracting-boards organised on a unitary basis?

We need to rescue the whole privatisation debate: over British Rail it seems to have hit the buffers. Some people think that the Post Office is a privatisation too far, but with 200,000 staff, we should be able to construct a popular flotation with a management buy-out. At the same time, we could give sub-postmasters a chance to buy their own businesses and create the biggest retail outlet in the country, providing every kind of financial service.

These are just a few ideas to play for. Let's have confidence in ourselves. If you don't keep cycling forwards, you fall off. Well, I've been pushed off my bike, and I don't mind a bit. I've dusted myself down and look with confidence to the future.

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England's electors

THE POLITICAL knives are out, but not only for John Major. Edward Leigh, the sacked minister who has appointed himself chief tormentor to the prime minister, not least on this page, is the subject of a whispering campaign in his own constituency. There is even a rumour that Leigh may suffer the same fate as those who plotted against Margaret Thatcher: a bloody deselection battle.

Rank-and-file members in his Gainsborough and Horncastle constituency may share their MP's scepticism about John Major, but they feel that when the party's chips are down, loyalty to their leader is paramount. "We may have reservations on Europe, but there is a damaging split in the Tory party. Edward Leigh is making it much worse," says Cllr Bill Moulds, leader of the Tory group on West Lindsey district council, Leigh's local authority. "With a by-election coming up, this is not the time or place for our MP to stir trouble. Questions will be asked at the next association meeting. Mark my words."

The council's Tory chairman Joan Tilney-Bassett is just as should have the support of the people he led into the election. Including our MP." Leigh's embittered tirade is not lost on influential county councillors, either. "Where we have such a slender majority, no one should be seen to be rocking the boat. Some of his talk has just gone too far," spluters Denis Hoyes, a former chairman of Leicestershire county council.

Leigh's detractors are of course delighting Conservative Central Office, which has leant heavily on local associations to bring anti-Maastricht MPs into line, and will not hesitate to do so again in order to stifle dissent about Major. A spot of local trouble for Leigh makes the job a great deal easier.

Bodies Jerry built

ENGLAND'S ugly sporting performances seem to have prompted some of our less notable athletes to opt for a spot of glamour. Jerry Hall has been roped in to help with the Commons *v* Lords tug-of-war.

Not that the Texan model is actually pulling for either side in the contest on Monday week, which will be held on the lawn opposite she is advising on keep-fit routines and, perhaps more importantly for the tugging titans, on dietary matters.

Sebastian Coe, the Tory MP for Falmouth and Camborne who has done a spot of modelling himself, is coaching the heaving MPs in their attempt to raise £75,000 for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Appeal. The Tory chief whip, Richard Ryder, will be chief cheerleader for the commoners, and David Rendel, the victor of Newbury, will be flexing his political muscles for the first time. They will be needed, too: the commoners have yet to beat the peers team.

● *Could his prediction that there would be no government reshuffle last week have swung the vote for* The Independent's *Anthony Bevtipped to become political editor of* The Observer? *Bevins, you will remember, dismissed reshuffle talk as mere press speculation just before Norman Lamont's mother broke news of her son's fall.* The Guardian's *Andrew Rawnsley is expected to become Bevins's deputy — covering reshuffles perhaps?*

One's dirty washing

THE SMALL army of self-appointed royal authors is paying special attention this year as the Book Trust takes to its testing annual task of selecting the monarch's summer reading. With the public eagerly devouring tales of princely peccadilloes, will the selectors be able to avoid them?

The Times's Valerie Grove, one of four selectors, refuses to say, but when she last did the job in the mid 1980s, the main difficulty was rather more mundane. "We had to ensure there were enough horsey books for the Queen Mother. And Prince Philip wanted to read Margaret Drabble because he had met her at a dinner party, which was quite sweet."

The *Daily Mirror's* James "Fat Red Tomato" Whitaker insists that his *Diana v Charles* should be required reading. "The quick reader can manage it in two-and-a-half particularly the chapter describing Diana's clash with the Spencers." One suspects it's not high on the selectors' list.

Yes, M'Lady

THE *Thunderbirds* revival continues, with plans for a feature film based on the series starring people, rather than bouncy puppets. If the project goes ahead, it will be the first time that Brains, Lady Penelope, her chauffeur Parker and the rest of the cast invented 30 years ago have been made flesh.

Casting directors are already considering the roles. Joyce Nettles, who cast Mel Gibson's *Hamlet*, says a sense of humour is a prerequisite. "Jennifer Saunders as Lady Penelope? Or what about Maggie Thatcher, with John Major as Parker — he's got the voice," she says. "David Bowie and Sting should get parts. And how about Derek Jacobi — he would bring a bit of class to the whole thing."



Trading places

THE UBIQUITOUS Sir Tim Bell is at it again. Having guided Margaret Thatcher to three consecutive election victories, Britain's best known ad man is now talking to President F.W. de Klerk in South Africa.

With South Africa holding its first multi-racial elections next year, it is widely assumed that Bell's advice is being sought. Bell met the South African president in Cape Town three weeks ago and has just returned from Johannesburg.

De Klerk is likely to join Bell's increasingly eclectic list of clients, who include David Mellor (whom he advised on love affairs), John Birt (tax), the exiled Yugoslavian royal family (reinstatement), British Airways (after the dirty tricks affair), and the Salvation Army (homelessness).

But so far there has been no call for his best-known former client, the Tory party, which is probably

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Agenda for the Tory right

Edward Leigh rallies the new generation

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GRIP ON POWER

John Major has a chance today to fight for lost authority

The prime minister has climbed out of political holes before. Perhaps he can do so again. The reshuffle was a first step — however faltering — towards a government with a greater grip on reality. This afternoon, at the Conservative Women's Conference, the prime minister should take the next steps.

In order to confound his doubters, Mr Major must first take account of the new conditions which he and his colleagues now face. In the hours after the chairs had been rearranged around the Cabinet table, the message from Downing Street was that no policy changes would follow. If this was a serious message — and messages from that quarter lack the certainty they once possessed — it was an error. To maintain that stance would be to forego the main advantage of replacing the Chancellor and risk new erosion in both personal authority and parliamentary majority.

Three months ago, well before Mr Lamont's final Budget, it was clear that the recession would hang heavy as an old albatross until Mr Major began to redress the industrial, political and human damage that he and his friend had wrought. Mr Lamont went on to win laurels for budgetary ingenuity but no prizes for answering the nation's greater demands for rapid recovery. Businessmen and consumers were depressed all the more by the announcement of higher taxes from next year onwards, the revelation of a Public Sector Borrowing Requirement running at £1 billion a week and an assumption for economic growth averaging only an annual 2.75 per cent over the next four years.

Instead of trying to soften these three blows to confidence, Mr Lamont refused to cut interest rates and even attempted to tighten the squeeze on manufacturers and exporters by "talking up" the pound. Two months after the budget, the recovery is already showing signs of faltering.

But errors can be righted. In the coming weeks — he could begin this afternoon — the prime minister must directly confront both the weakness of economic recovery and the burden of public borrowing. The two are closely related, as the prime minister and his new Chancellor should now most vigorously stress. The difference between the Treasury's new long-term growth assumption of 2.75 per cent annually and the historically typical rate of 3.5 per cent which was assumed until this year is in human and political terms the creation of around 200,000 extra jobs each year. Financially, it is the difference between a PSBR that stays stuck at around £30 billion for the rest of the decade, and one that declines by 1997 to just over half that figure, and probably disappears altogether in the next few years. The most important requirements for fiscal stability in Britain are therefore the same as the conditions for reviving the government's political fortunes: reduction of unemployment and restoration of strong economic growth.

Achieving a growth objective of 3.5 per cent annually would require further aggressive reductions in interest rates and probably a substantial fall in sterling. It would go a long way to restoring the Treasury's finances, as well as Mr Major's grip on power. But growth on its own would not be enough either to eliminate the PSBR or to give Mr Major's government a distinctively Conservative stamp. To do that, the government will need to take a careful scalpel to the public sector.

In wielding the knife, however, the government must distinguish between two separate objectives: the need to reduce public borrowing now and the need to rationalise the public sector for the next decade and beyond. To stress the first objective, rather than the second, is to do a disservice to the quintessentially Conservative causes of lower taxation and public sector reform. If spending cuts are associated in the public mind with the looming PSBR crisis — which is rightly viewed as a direct consequence of recent economic mismanagement — cuts will be seen as a penalty exacted from the old, the sick and the poor to pay for the government's past mistakes. If spending cuts are seen to be aimed at protecting the weakest, the sickest and the oldest in years to come, there is the chance that both public acceptance and party unity will flourish.

It is essential for ministers to explain that the true reasons for long-term economies have nothing to do with the PSBR this year or next. A Conservative government must want to reduce public sending as part of a general philosophy which favours private choice over state intervention. It must also recognise a social obligation to take care of the weak, the ill and the poor. These principles have been vindicated by the voters in the last four general elections. In the years ahead these two basic principles must be brought together. Big reductions must be made in many categories of public spending, universal child benefits, basic state pensions, mortgage tax relief and and other subsidies to the middle-class. Why? Because the demands made by other programmes, especially education, medical care for the very old and transport investment, are going to grow faster than national incomes. To finance them, Britain will either have to keep raising taxes, or find savings in other public sector programmes which benefit those who can afford to pay more for themselves. The choice between higher taxes and a tougher grip on priorities should be a choice between a Labour government and a Conservative one. John Major should say so.

The message is not an easy one to deliver. These long-term reductions will inevitably be confused with the minor cuts which the Treasury will demand this year, like every other, to keep total public spending within the ceiling agreed by the Cabinet. These short-term economies can, in turn, be easily distorted to appear as measures to reduce the PSBR and pay for the government's mistakes. The prime minister needs to be tough and clear. Limited state resources must eventually be targeted towards those who are truly needy. Modest sacrifices will be demanded from the better-off beneficiaries of state welfare — many of whom will be among his audience of Conservative Women today. The rewards will include a vibrant economy, lower taxes, and the assertion of conservative ideals.

INK BLOT DIPLOMACY

The new UN resolution on Bosnia is tough in appearance only

By this weekend, France and Britain hope to be able to answer the critics of Western appeasement in Bosnia with a fresh United Nations Security Council resolution. This purports to empower UN peacekeeping forces to secure a kind of peace, at least in the half dozen Bosnian "safe areas" whose inhabitants are today in as much or greater danger today as when they were formally put under UN protection a full month ago.

For the first time, this resolution would explicitly authorise an enlarged UN Protection Force (Unprofor) to use force, including air power, to deter attacks on Sarajevo and five other towns under siege and to prevent the obstruction of humanitarian convoys. Its language returns to basic principles: the withdrawal of forces and return of Bosnians to their homes; the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It is framed under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the chapter which provides for military enforcement. Yet this display of resolve is largely empty show.

Ministers will sell this to Western publics as collective security in action. It is nothing of the kind. They will say that it sets in motion a concrete plan for restoring peace by stages. British diplomats have compared the "safe areas" to ink blots: once small areas have been secured, the argument runs, UN forces will add more spots, link them, and by steady pressure create ever larger zones of peace. But the gap between words and action — above all, the gulf between the desired end and the West's readiness to furnish the means — is still enormous.

The wording of the UN resolution is superficially tough — tougher, indeed, than the Europeans originally intended. But that is mainly because the original French draft, based on the minimalist Washington agreement of May 22, was denounced by the council's non-aligned members. The main aim of ten days' frantic diplomacy has been to fend off their rival resolution permitting all states to intervene at the Bosnian government's request if the Bosnian Serbs failed to comply with the Vance-Owen plan by June 30. The priority was to avert a damaging rift in the UN. The beleaguered Bosnian government should by now know better than to believe that passage of this resolution announces the appearance of the international cavalry on the horizon.

Under what is expected to be the final draft, Unprofor will be asked to "promote" the withdrawal of military or paramilitary units, and to occupy "key points on the ground": but what if the Serbs object? There is no answer to the elementary questions posed by Nato planners: who will provide troops, who is to be protected, and in what area; whether UN forces are to set up cordons round the areas and make sure nobody infiltrates them; whether corridors to and between them will be opened up and defended; whether "safe" means safe to resume ordinary economic life, or merely to survive on humanitarian aid. On the UN's role if the Serbs continue to refuse Unprofor access to these areas, the resolution is silent.

Above all, although Nato has properly insisted that it will contribute to peacemaking in Bosnia only if the UN requests its help and gives it clear instructions, there is no mention of Nato taking charge. Instead Unprofor — meaning the UN secretary-general — is merely asked to find reinforcements. The Europeans, who talk in the corridors of the transparently inadequate number of 5,000 more troops, have made no commitments. Yesterday in Bosnia, General Morillon was engaged in business as usual: persuading the Serbs to stop shelling and to suffer UN observers and aid to penetrate the inferno round Gorazde, one of the "safe areas".

The picture is still of an American administration in offended retreat and of Western Europe embarrassed and divided. Much is at stake: support for Nato cannot be sustained on a concept of security confined to the prosperous West. Each of Eastern Europe's local wars may seem to pose no direct threat to Western stability. Cumulatively, they must erode it. Resolutions do not change the grim equations of war or camouflage irresolution. The Serbs have still no cause to believe in Western determination to secure these proposed havens with appropriate military means. Until that is the case, the hardliners in Belgrade will continue to have the upper hand. Ink blots, in the sense of ink on paper, this stop-gap substitute for a Bosnian strategy will remain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cabinet shuffle in perspective

From Mr Ronnie Carroll

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article of May 31, "Clarke for prime minister", seemed to me high on the wisdom born of hindsight. Both David Mellor and Norman Lamont were close allies of John Major. To have turned David Mellor promptly out of office following his indiscretion would have rightly been viewed as callous disloyalty; particularly as Mellor was exposed by what many people saw as unethical intrusion into his privacy.

Equally, to have immediately sacked the Chancellor for carrying out government ERM policy would have been patently a gross injustice. Norman Lamont had to go in the end for the harsh reason that he had become a *political* liability.

But Rees-Mogg's most serious misjudgment is to lay the blame for the length and depth of the recession on the prime minister. This tidal wave of recession which has swept over most of the world's developed economies, removing George Bush from office in the USA and almost annihilating the Socialist party in France, is an economic phenomenon which no politician could have avoided — other than one with the extraordinary gift of hindsight.

Yours faithfully,
RONNIE CARROLL,
Tollgate Farmhouse, Norwich Road,
North Walsham, Norfolk.
May 31.

From Miss Elizabeth Noel

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg appears to believe that the present crisis of morale facing the prime minister is similar to that felt by Chamberlain and Eden during the unfolding events of the second world war and Suez respectively: a somewhat drastic comparison.

The greatest challenge facing John Major's premiership is not the state of the economy or the ministers in his Cabinet but the comments of senior Conservatives such as Lord Rees-Mogg. I appreciate that his lordship's distinguished career will no doubt be recorded in the history of our times, but I trust that his opinion will not be allowed to determine such matters as the fate of our prime minister.

I only hope that John Major will be able to keep all this in perspective.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH NOEL,
9 Courtnell Street, W2.
June 1.

From Mr Walter Grey

Sir, Go for growth, William Rees-Mogg advised the new Chancellor (May 28), and never mind inflation. "It is not a problem now."

Nigel Lawson (to go back no further) did the same, of course, and look where it got us. "There really are business cycles", even Lord Rees-Mogg admits. Surely, after that, there must be more to running an economy than winning the next election. Could an independent Bank of England, relieving the Chancellor of his monetary policy brief, do worse?

Yours faithfully,
W. GREY,
12 Arden Road, Finchley, N3.
May 28.

City has compensations

From Mr R. S. Hobbs

Sir, Business News (May 27) tells us that Sir Anthony Tennant seems likely to receive a pension of about £500,000 a year from Guinness. Is it any wonder that the government runs into criticisms when its own supporters in the City are deemed to be entitled to such outrageous sums?

We also hear often of compensation being paid of equally large sums to those who are being dismissed, sometimes for incompetence. It is no reply to say that the market fixes such sums: these rewards are almost inevitably granted by a small coterie of directors, who look after their own.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. HOBBS,
Richard Hobbs (Solicitors),
813 High Street,
Kingswinford, West Midlands.
June 1.

From the General Secretary of Bifu

Sir, In recent months many senior executives in the finance industry and several captains of industry who have made a mess of their jobs (through crucially wrong lending decisions, lack of management control or inept strategic direction) have left office and consequently received very large compensation payments for the loss of their office. The payments seem usually to have been in direct proportion to the magnitude of their mistakes and misjudgments.

Norman Lamont has just lost his office as Chancellor of the Exchequer, having overseen the ERM debacle, an increasing public-sector deficit, a widening balance-of-payments gap and an appallingly high level of unemployment. However, Mr Lamont has apparently received no compensation for the loss of his office. Is this fair?

Yours faithfully,
LEIF MILLS, General Secretary,
Banking, Insurance and
Finance Union,
Sheffield House, 1b Amity Grove,
Raynes Park, SW20.

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Ruination of Stonehenge threatened

From Dr Paul Ashbee

Sir, The protracted silence of the archaeological bodies, national and local, regarding the further butchery of Stonehenge's supportive landscape is gravely perturbing.

Stonehenge, unique in the Western world, was sorely mutilated by inadequate excavation during the 1920s: the careful, small-scale investigations of the 1950s have still never been published. Rapacious agriculture has done grievous damage to barrows and other features during the past decades.

Today, there is not one undamaged barrow group in the vicinity. Now the death blow is to be delivered to Stonehenge by the Department of Transport's A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down trunk road proposals (report, March 19; letters, April 26, May 3, 13).

A glossy brochure circulated by the department indicates two basic options, either of which would sever Stonehenge from a great part of its surround, and the department has commissioned a two-volume archaeological assessment of the area, showing that such a great swathe through the unknown complexities of this remarkable relict landscape would impinge upon unnumbered, largely unknown features.

Although this proposal will be hailed by some as an unparalleled opportunity to excavate upon a grand scale, excavation of any significance would involve the stripping and examination of about 1½ square miles. The Department of Transport could never pay for excavation on such a scale, and people qualified for such an undertaking do not exist in sufficient numbers.

Two or three cardinal sites could be excavated, perhaps: the remainder would have to be snatched from beneath the blades of the bulldozers. Adequate detailed publication would take even longer than most large archaeological enterprises.

There is only one way in which the dire danger to one of the world's greatest cultural treasures can be averted. The A344 and A303 roads west of Amesbury and east of Winterbourne Stoke must be suppressed and Stonehenge and its surround restored to green pasture. For once road transport claims should be set aside as subservient to the long-needed requirements of the monument.

We must preserve Stonehenge and its surround for ourselves and posterity: another opportunity to halt the destructiveness may never come.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL ASHBEE,
The Old Rectory,
Chedgrave, Norwich.

Good faith and Rosyth

From Viscount Weir

Sir, As chairman of one of the companies which manage Devonport dockyard, I must object to Lord Younger's assertion (letter, June 3) that it is now a matter of good faith that government should award nuclear submarine refitting to Rosyth.

If this were so, then presumably the serious discussions which government has held with Devonport over the last two years must have been conducted in something close to bad faith. I find it impossible to believe that Mr Rifkind would possibly have countenanced such a thing.

Yours faithfully,
WEIR
(Chairman), Weir Group,
Cathcart, Glasgow.
June 3.

Misleading tints

From Mr Raymond Nottage

Sir, I am troubled by the design of many present-day company reports, pamphlets and other communications that need our close attention.

Print designers now seem to vie with one another to use the smallest size of the most spidery type — often with lavish margins and other areas of blank space on the page — and the palest possible printing inks. Sometimes clarity is further reduced by the use of tinted paper.

I suggest that those who deplore this vogue should return such documents to their senders, with a request for a copy in typescript for ease of comprehension.

Yours sincerely,
RAYMOND NOTTAGE,
36e Arkwright Road, NW3.

Aids prevention

From Dr C. L. R. Bartlett and Dr Noël Gill

Sir, Dr Peter Meers's suggestion (letter, May 19) that the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, an arm of the Public Health Laboratory Service, is unduly influenced by government in the way it presents Aids statistics is not supported by the facts. We would stress that the scientific work of the PHLS, including the CDSC, is wholly independent.

Every month since August 1983 the CDSC has issued a report summarising available surveillance data on Aids and HIV infection. In addition, we have regularly published detailed scientific articles on the epidemiology of the infection.

The exposure category of Aids and HIV-infected persons has always been specified, so far as it was known at the time, so that the numbers and the rate of change in any category relative to any other has been readily apparent.

It is these data which enabled Dr Meers to present his view that transmission of HIV by heterosexual intercourse in this country is extremely rare. The more important fact, not mentioned by Dr Meers, is that there is a steady rise in the occurrence of these infections.

Professor Gordon T. Stewart, in his letter of May 26, suggests that about 88,000 in the general population outside central London are infected with HIV. This figure is, in fact, over three times the consensus estimate of the total number of persons infected with HIV in England and Wales.

Such a discrepancy highlights the importance of distinguishing the original content of scientific reports from any subsequent interpretations put upon them. The CDSC will continue to present timely information to permit informed discussion with regard to past and future priorities for Aids prevention.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. R. BARTLETT (Director),
NOEL GILL (Deputy Director),
PHLS Communicable Disease
Surveillance Centre,
61 Colindale Avenue, NW9.
June 2.

Railway sell-off

From Mr D. S. Binnie

Sir, Mr John Rabson's letter (May 28) about a Network SouthEast train delaying an InterCity one is most potent in showing the likely reality of a future fragmented, disjointed railway system.

Having in my career "practised" railways in three regions (all different in character) I forecast that "buck-passing" will become the foremost function in every fragmented part. It will be a bonanza for accountants and lawyers.

Yours etc,
D. S. BINNIE (General Manager,
BR Southern Region, 1972,
London Midland Region 1977-80),
Aboveways, Lower Knowle Road,
Lustleigh, Devon.
May 28.

From Mr P. W. B. Semmens

Sir, Mrs McGowan's experience with swans on the line (letter, May 28) took place on the former Great Western Railway. Its Plymouth staff timetable used to include the following entry inside the front cover:

Every care must be taken to avoid running over Packs of Hounds, which during the Hunting Season may cross the Line. All Railway Employees are hereby enjoined to use every care consistent with a due regard being paid to the proper working of the Line and Trains.

It is open to question whether a privatised Great Western would consider it was politically correct to discriminate in favour of hunting in the 1990s.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. B. SEMMENS,
Danvers, 21 Springfield Road,
Upper Poppleton, York.
June 1.

Disposal of pets

From Ms Chrissie Nicholls

Sir, Strict interpretation of the regulations governing the safe disposal of clinical waste does indeed indicate that veterinary surgeons could face prosecution if they released the body of a pet for burial by the owner (letter, May 25).

However, when Mr David Maclean, the environment minister, heard of our concern over this unforeseen side-effect of the Environmental Protection Act he wrote us a letter on January 13, which was published in the *Veterinary Record*, saying:

It is our view that if a pet owner takes their pet to the vet to have it put down, the pet remains the owner's property and so they still have the right to bury it themselves. Ownership of the pet would only pass to the vet if the owner requests the vet to dispose of the animal. I hope that local authorities would interpret this law with common sense. It should be possible for bereaved pet owners to bury dead pets that pose no particular environmental or health hazard in their back gardens without involving the full panoply of control procedures.

The minister pointed out, however, that there could be instances where a dead pet might, unless rendered safe, prove hazardous or cause infection. In such circumstances it would be the veterinary surgeon's responsibility to retain the body for safe disposal.

Mr Maclean, copies of whose letter were sent to the local authority associations, said: "I would not expect any authority subsequently to take a rigid view of the law on this matter." He added that the BVA should let him know of any case where they appeared to be doing so. We will certainly do so should the need arise.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISSIE NICHOLLS
(Head of Veterinary Services),
British Veterinary Association,
7 Mansfield Street, W1.
May 25.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Coronation Day in a POW camp

From the Reverend S. J. Davies

Sir, Perhaps the most unusual Coronation Day celebration was that held by Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the bizarre setting of a Chinese prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea on the Manchurian border on June 2, 1953. A request to observe the event by Major "Sam" Weller, of the Glosters, had resulted in his removal into "solitary" for attempting to organise "subversive activities". (Colonel Carne, VC, DSO, had already been in solitary for 15 months, and still had three to go.)

On Coronation Night, after roll call, the British assembled in a squad room in camp 2, Pi-Chong-ni. Captain Paul Docker, Royal Ulster Rifles, the most senior officer present, greeted representative American and other UN POW officers as our guests, and called on me as chaplain to say the state prayers for Her Majesty from my pocket Book of Common Prayer.

We then gave a hearty rendering of the National Anthem and toasted the Queen in "Vin pomme de terre", a heady potato, sugar and yeast hooch brewed in the camp kitchen. The prisoners in the kitchen had produced a huge cake made somehow from rice, vegetables, flour and even scraps of meat and christened "Gâteau Westminster."

As this was being cut and distributed Comrade Sun, an English-speaking political commissar, burst into the room. He attempted to grab the cleverly framed newspaper portrait of the Queen which an officer had received in the mail, via Peking, only a week before, and then departed, foiled, only to return a few minutes later with armed guards.

The Queen's portrait was whisked to safety; the potato hooch was knocked back; the remaining chunks of cake were thrown to the American prisoners now hanging over the room partition cheering and shouting abuse at the guards. Sun took the wooden platter on which the gâteau had rested.

Perhaps against my better judgment I shouted: "Sun, you have tonight offered an insult to the British people." There was silence, then he screamed: "You are not the people, you are the tools of the imperialist, reactionary ruling clique, enemies of the people."

Paul Docker and I raced to our bunks, pulling on all possible clothing, for we fully expected to be lying in the cold, bleak "solitary" cells by midnight. Nothing happened.

Next morning Peking radio, which was sometimes broadcast to us, announced that Chou-En-lai had sent Winston Churchill a telegram of greeting on the Queen's coronation.

Yours obediently,
S. J. DAVIES
(Honorary Regimental Chaplain),
The Gloucestershire Regiment,
Regimental Headquarters,
Commercial Road, Gloucester.
June 2.

Tasks for today

From Mr Rex Edwards

Sir, Mr Warren Newman (letter, June 1) sets Britain's scientists two tasks. I can spare them the trouble:

1. Fix the rear swivel castors on the supermarket trolley: this will ensure ease of operation.
2. Use a fog light on the taxi: on for free, off for engaged.

Yours faithfully,
REX EDWARDS,
7 Belvedere Walk,
Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Sick as parrots

From Mr K. F. Czerny

Sir, Perhaps, before the next series of World Cup matches, the England football manager, whoever that may be at the time, should sit down and list all eligible players in order of merit. He should then ask each player, starting at the top of his list, if they are willing to play for England without pay and meet the costs of their travel from their own pockets.

An unequivocal "yes" should guarantee that player a place. We may not end up with a skilful side, but we could have a team which would play with more pride and spirit than the woeful outfit that let a nation down last night.

Yours faithfully,
K. CZERNY,
44 Abbotsford Gardens,
Woodford Green, Essex.
June 3.

From Mr Gerry Lucas

Sir, Amongst my souvenirs is the slightly tattered counterfoil of my ticket to the 1966 World Cup final and England's victory.

After last night's deeply depressing performance against Norway, I shall have it mounted and framed, for I fear we shall not see its like again.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. LUCAS,
23 Southover, Woodside Park, N12.
June 3.

From Mr Robert Raffety

Sir, It is being widely suggested that football hooligans should not be allowed to travel abroad. May I suggest that they should not be allowed home.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT RAFFETY,
1a Aldford Street, W1.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 3: The Queen accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning inspected The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Captain), Colonel Alan Pemberton (Lieutenant), Colonel Greville Tufnell (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant), Colonel Shaun Longsdon (Ensign) and Major Charles Marriott and Major Charles Enderby (Exons) were on parade.

The Body Guard received Her Majesty with a Royal Salute.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the Body Guard gave three cheers for The Queen and marched past Her Majesty.

The Band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Major David Marshall, and the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were on parade.

Lady Abel Smith and Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Queen held a Council at 2.15pm.

There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, MP, the Rt Hon John Gummer, MP, the Rt Hon Michael Howard, MP, the Rt Hon David Hunt, MP, and the Rt Hon Gillian Shephard, MP.

Mr John Redwood, MP, was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The Rt Hon Michael Howard received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for the Home Department, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

The Rt Hon John Redwood received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for Wales, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

The Rt Hon David Hunt received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for Employment, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

The Rt Hon John Gummer received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for the Environment, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke received the Seals of Office as Chancellor of the Exchequer, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

The Rt Hon Gillian Shephard took the Oath of Office as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and kissed hands on appointment.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP, had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen, Freeman, the Worshipful Company of Drapers, this evening attended a concert and reception to mark the tercentenary of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London EC2, and was received by the Master (Mr Philip Chalk) and the President, William and Mary College (Mr Timothy Sullivan).

The Duchess of Grafton, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, National Playing Fields Association, this afternoon attended the Diamond Anniversary Luncheon, the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London WC2.

His Royal Highness, President, this evening attended a reception to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the English-Speaking Union, Guildhall, London EC2.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy, KG, in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Air Marshal Richard Johns.

The Duke of York was represented by Captain Neil Blair, RN.

The Prince Edward was represented by Group Captain Adam Wise.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy.

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Lady Mary Mumford.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 3: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Logistic Corps, today attended a luncheon with Commanding Officers, Officers' Mess, The Princess Royal Barracks, Blackdown, Deepcut, Surrey.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at the funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat which took place in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace.

Her Majesty was represented by Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy, KG, which was held at St Clement Danes Church, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 3: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, today presented the prizes at the *Reader's Digest*/PYBT Awards, Bafta, 195 Piccadilly, London W1.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a reception for British businessmen on behalf of the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum St Petersburg Partnership Initiative at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales later took the salute at the Household Division Beating Retreat, Horse Guards, London SW1.

Captain John Warburton-Lee was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 3: The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, attended a Gala Evening at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Norfolk, and was received on arrival by Sir Julian Loyd (Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk).

Her Royal Highness visited Anglian Water and opened the Hillington Treatment Works.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Elworthy, KG, which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2 today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 3: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers today received Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Minter on assuming command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Kirkham on relinquishing the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, this afternoon visited the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Suffolk Agricultural Association's Annual Show at the Suffolk Showground, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt).

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

June 3: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a recital and dinner to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the House of Krug at the Royal College of Music, London SW7.

Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier was in attendance.

Meeting

British Academy of Forensic Sciences

Judge Lawrence delivered his presidential address at the annual meeting of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences held last night at the Law Society.

Reception

Corporation of London

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union, was a speaker at a reception given by the Corporation of London at Guildhall yesterday to mark the 75th anniversary of the ESU. The Lord Mayor and Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the ESU, also spoke.

Memorial services

Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, KG

The Queen was represented by Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, the Duke of Edinburgh by the Very Rev Patrick Mitchell and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, KG, held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Air Marshal Richard Johns, the Duke of York by Captain Neil Blair, RN, Prince Edward by Group Captain Adam Wise, the Princess Royal by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Princess Margaret by Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Prince Michael of Kent by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Christopher Thompson and Princess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mumford.

The Rev A.T.R. Goode officiated and the Right Rev Leonard Ashton and the Ven Philip Davies said prayers. Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, the Hon Anthony Elworthy and the Hon Christopher Elworthy, sons, read the lessons and the Hon Mrs Cary, daughter, read "Ebbtide at Sundown" by Michael Field. Sir Paul Wright gave an address. The Right Rev Francis Cocks pronounced the blessing. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and the Master and Clerk of the Skinners' Company attended. Others present included:

The Hon Mrs Timothy Elworthy (daughter-in-law), Mr Anthony Cary (son-in-law), Mr Edward Elworthy, Miss Lucy Elworthy, Miss Caroline Elworthy, Miss Amanda Elworthy, Sam Cary, Tom Cary, Arthur Cary, Harriet Cary and Mr and Mrs Christopher Cooke (grandchildren), Mr Richard Block and Mr and Mrs Robert Churchill (step-grandchildren), Miss Polly Elworthy, Mr M Elworthy, Mrs E A M Elworthy, Mr F H Elworthy, Miss Anne Macdonald, Mr H Sebag-Montefiore, Mr M Rice-Edwards, Mrs P Martyn, Miss F Macdonald, Mr J Joint, Mr D E Hyde-Clarke, Mrs E H Hyde-Clarke, Mr R Girran, Commander W J Bontwick, Mr A Bontwick.

The Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Bramall, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Carver, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Lady Barbara Eden, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Gray of Naunton (Order of St John) and Lady Grey, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Shackleton, KG, Lord Norrie, Lord Ironside, Sir Michael Fox (Lincoln's Inn), Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton, Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Ross (representing the Chief of the General Staff), the Hon I S L Cohen, Commander the Hon John Fremantle, the Hon Mrs Alistair Scott.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Ashmore, Field Marshal Sir John Stanier (Marlborough College), Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Admiral Sir Peter White, Admiral Sir Jock Slater (representing the Chief of the Defence Staff), Admiral Sir William O'Brien, General Sir Victor and Lady FitzGeorge-Balfour, General Sir Charles and Lady Richardson, General Sir John and Lady Mogg, General Sir Robert and Lady Ford, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville and Lady Stack, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Thomson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Lee, Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel and Lady Maynard.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert (Royal Air Forces Association), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan and Lady Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick and Lady Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek and Lady Hodgkinson, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady Hogg, Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Charles and Lady Pringle, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey and Lady Ford, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr.

Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, Air Marshal Sir Reginald and Lady Hartland, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan Boxer, Sir Nigel Arthurs, Lady Barnett, Sir Stewart Crawford, Lady (Peter) Dixon, Sir Eric Drake, Sir George Edwards, OM, Sir Eric Faulkner (Lloyds Bank and Bradfield College), Sir Christopher France (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence), Sir Ian Gourlay (United World Colleges), Lady Grandy, Lady (Andrew) Humphrey, Lady Kyle, Sir John Leahy, Sir Richard and Lady Lace, Sir Kenneth Macdonald, Sir Ronald Melville, Dame Felicity Peake, Lady Quinlan, Sir Julian and Dame Paddy Ridsdale, Sir Kenneth Scott, Lady Shirley, Sir James Swaffield, Lady Wigglesworth, Lady Wright, Lady Winstill, Sir Hugh Dundas, Lady Cary, Sir John Miller, Dame Jean Conn, Dr Doyle, Sir Frank Roberts.

Air Vice-Marshal A Bell, Air Vice-Marshal A Maister, Major-General Peter Downward, Colonel John Blashford-Snell, Group Captain Peter L Harris, Wing Commander P B Lucas, Mr Michael Bolen, Mr T P Brown, and Mrs Brown, Mr P Coni.

Dr R.D. Catterall, CBE, FRCP

A thanksgiving for the life of Dr Duncan Catterall was held on May 26, at the Middlesex Hospital, London. The Dean of Rochester officiated. Tributes were paid to his work as Prisoner of War (Mr R. Joynes and M A. Roques), Teacher of Medicine (Dr Christopher Ellis), Clinician (Dr James Bingham), Diplomat (Professor Charles Brook), "enabler" (the Very Rev Edward Shotter), Humanist (Lady Medawar) and Friend (Captain Michael Young). Those present included family and friends, representatives from the London Teaching Hospitals, the General Infirmary, Leeds, the Institute of Medical Ethics, the Society of Apothecaries, the Margaret Pike Association, and the Harveian Society.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the Adjutant General's Corps at Worthy Down, Winchester, at 11.00. The Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent, as Deputy Colonels-in-Chief, will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will visit Komori (UK) at Kirkstall Road, Leeds, at 10.00; will visit the Prince Philip Centre, Potternewton, Leeds, at 10.30; and will open the Leeds Permanent Building Society Corporate Centre at 11.30.

The Prince of Wales will visit Rolls-Royce and the Rosehill Business Centre, Derby, at 10.10; and Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) at Burnaston at 1.45.

The Princess Royal will open a special EC customs day of sport at Aldershot Garrison at 10.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a buffet luncheon at Salisbury Cathedral School at 12.30; and, will attend a meeting of the Green College advisory council at the Radcliffe Observatory, Woodstock Road, Oxford, at 4.00.

The Duke of Kent, as visitor, will open the new library at the Cranfield Institute of Technology at Cranfield Campus at 10.45.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School

The annual concert will be held this year in the Lecture Hall of the Central Hall, Westminster, on Thursday, July 8. As usual it will be preceded by the distribution of prizes at 7.00pm by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Old Members of the School who would like to attend are asked to apply for tickets by Friday, June 18.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King George III, reigned 1760-1820, London, 1738; Stephen Collins Foster, songwriter, Pittsburgh, 1826; Rosalind Russell, actress, Connecticut, 1911.

DEATHS: Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, spy, violinist, and lover, Duchov, Czechoslovakia, 1798; F.R. Spofforth, cricketer, "the demon bowler", Ditton Hill Lodge, Surrey, 1926; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Boston, Massachusetts, 1951.

Service reception

HQ Allied Air Forces Central Europe

Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs P.J. Harding and officers and ladies of the British community at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at Ramstein to mark The Queen's official birthday. The Commander Allied Air Forces Central Europe and the Burgermeister of Ramstein were the guests of honour.

Service dinner

Corps of Royal Engineers

General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a dinner held last night at the RE HQ Mess, Chatham. The guests included Sir Christopher France, General Sir Peter Inge and General Sir John Wilsey.

Retirements

Judge Franks and Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke have retired from the circuit bench on the northern and western circuits respectively.



Bob Champion, the jockey and trainer, is 45 today

Birthdays today

General Sir Cecil Blacker, 77; Sir Christopher Cockerell, hovercraft inventor, 83; Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, former Master of HM's Household, 65; Mr A.H.C. Greenwood, former deputy chairman, British Aerospace, 76; the Earl of Halsbury, 85; Miss Andrea Jaeger, tennis player, 28; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, 70; Mr J.D.R. Lyon, chief executive, Bowater, 57; Mr Bob Champion, jockey and trainer, 45; Mr Geoffrey Palmer, actor, 66; the Earl of Powis, 68; Sir John Sparrow, company director, 60; Professor J.C. West, former vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 71.

Lincoln College, Oxford

A College Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 1993, to elect a Rector to succeed Sir Maurice Shock, who is to retire on September 30, 1994. The Fellows are pleased to announce that they intend to elect Dr W.E.K. Anderson, Headmaster of Eton College, to the Rectorship.

Forthcoming marriages

Major T.J. Checketts and Miss J.M.G. Vincenzini

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Captain John Checketts, RN, and Mrs Checketts, of Stoney Stoke, Somerset, and Josephine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Francesco Vincenzini, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr R.W.J.P. Cook and Miss F.M.L. Kimber

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cook, of London and Lymington, and Fleur, daughter of the late Mr J. Leader Kimber and of Mrs Barbara Kimber, of Leigh Woods, Bristol.

Mr A. Deriziotis and Miss T.R. Buxton

The engagement is announced between Athanasios, son of Mr Eustache Deriziotis of Glyfada, Athens, Greece, and of Mrs Costantinia Tseliagou of N. Dimitrias, Volos, Greece and Tessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Buxton, of Bentley Park, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Hr J.E. Frandsen and Miss R.J. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Jørgen, son of the late Hr Erik Frandsen and of Fru Ellen Frandsen, of Copenhagen, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr J.T. Shaw, of Mijas, Spain, and of Mrs J.D.C. Buckley, of Windsor.

Mr S.H. Goldring and Dott. C.F. Dondi

The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs David Goldring, of London, and Cristina, only daughter of Signor and Signora Carlo Dondi, of Modena, Italy.

Mr T. Grün and Miss J.A. Lindsay

The engagement is announced between Tobias, elder son of Mr and Mrs Karl Grün, of Stamford, Connecticut, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lindsay, of Whitchurch Hill, Oxon.

Captain L.H. Meynell and Miss J.S. Glossop

The engagement is announced between Captain Luke Meynell, 9th/12th Royal Lancers, eldest son of Mr Hugo Meynell, of Chelsea, London, SW3, and Mrs David Groombridge, of Dogmersfield, Hampshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Glossop, of Dogmersfield, Hampshire.

Mr R. Milijasevic and Miss E.L. Purvis

The engagement is announced between Rade, only son of the late Mr Dusan Milijasevic and of Mrs Vuka Milijasevic, of Zagreb, Croatia, and Elizabeth, elder daughter, of Mr and Mrs John Purvis, of Gilmerton, St Andrews, Fife.

Mr W.E. Sloss and Miss E.L. Pollard

The engagement is announced between William Evan, second son of Dr and Mrs F. Brooke Sloss, of Fulton, Missouri, USA, and Elaine Louise, younger daughter of Mr A. Pollard and Mrs M. Hellowell, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr R.C.W.S. Smith and Miss J.C. van Hasselt

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Major C.J. Smith, RM, and Mrs Smith, of Sowden House, Lympstone, Devon, and Johanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. van Hasselt-Henny, of Tonden, The Netherlands.

Mr A.E.A. Selous and Miss H.V. Marston

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Commander Gerald Selous, OBE, of Langley Grange, Loddon, Norfolk, and Mrs Miranda Selous, of Knowle Park, Cranleigh, Surrey, and Harriet, daughter of the late Mr Jeremy Marston and of Mrs Rosemary Marston, of Hornby Old Vicarage, Bedale, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.A.M. Ventris and Miss L.M. Westmacott

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of the late Mr F.M. Ventris and of Mrs M. Ventris, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Lucinda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gilbert Westmacott, of Middlemarsh, Dorset.

Mr A.C.L. Wiseman and Miss C.J. Dix

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Wiseman, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.V. Dix, of Harrow-On-The-Hill, Middlesex.

Marriages

Professor J. Stevens Curl and Professor S.D. Iwaniec

The marriage between James Stevens Curl and Stanislawa Dorota Iwaniec has taken place.

Mr C.G.V. Davidge and Mrs J.A. Leventhal

The marriage took place quietly in London on June 1, between Mr Christopher Davidge and Mrs Jill Leventhal.

Mr W.A. Ritson and Miss V.A. Barran

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 29, at St Helen's, Amotherby, of Mr William Ritson, son of Captain and Mrs Tim Ritson, of Cheshire, to Miss Verena Barran, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Barran, of North Yorkshire.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jenny Ritson, Alice Littleboy, Daisy Barran, Alexander McMullan. Mr Harry Bowlby was best man. A reception was held at Hildenley.

Mr J. Scovil and Mrs S. Juniper

The marriage took place on May 21, at Friends Meeting House, Isleworth, Middlesex, between Mr Jasper Scovil and Mrs Sally Juniper (formerly Tarrant-Willis).

Latest wills

Sir Arthur Thomas Erroll Hay, of Crondall, Hants, late civil servant and architect, left estate valued at £125,352 net.

Mrs Edna Smylie, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £474,827 net.

She left £15,750 to personal legacies and provisions for her grave, £3,000 to the Northern Ireland Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association, £1,000 each to the National, Belfast and Eastbourne Branches of the RSPCA and the "RSPCC", £1,000 each to the International Fund for Animal Welfare, Craigavon U.V.F. Hospital, Musgrave Hospital Ex-Patients' Guild, Purdysburn Hospital, "National Cancer Research", Eastbourne, RNLI, Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, and the National and Belfast Branches of the Not Forgotten Association, £500 each to the Eastbourne Silver Band, the Eastbourne Police Band, and "ex-service patients", and the residue "to be paid into an Edna Smylie Memorial Fund, to help and aid disabled, wounded, sick or homeless animals".

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Keep clear of wrongdoing, amend your ways, and cleanse your heart from all sin
Ecclesiasticus 38:10

BIRTHS

BISBAS - On 27th May at Queen Charlotte's, to Victoria (née Webster) and Andreas, a daughter, Hannah Daisy Alice. Deo Gratias.

CLARK - On May 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carolyn (née Jordan) and Andrew, a daughter, Sophia Helena, a sister for Isabella.

CLOUGH - On May 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Melanie (née Wakely) and Simon, a son, Frederick Benedict Oldham, a brother for Nathaniel and Clementine.

CRANE - On May 15th, to Donna (née Everson) and Tony, a son, Rhys Andrew, a brother for Rhonda.

EDGE - On 25th April 1993, to Suzanne (née Rooms) and Julian, a daughter, Charlotte Anne.

ENGLANDER - On 27th May 1993 at University College Hospital, to Lynda (née Kroll) and Peter, a son, Thomas Geoffrey, a brother for Simon.

ESSEX - On 3rd June 1993, to Lucinda (née Skegga) and Robert, a son, James Toby Edward, a brother for Miranda.

EVERETT - On 30th May, to Karen (née Carmacki) and Tim, a son, Benjamin Harvey Fackett, a brother for William.

GAYLER - On 1st June 1993 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, to Judith (née Pearce) and Michael, a daughter, Emily Rose, a sister for Sophie and Oliver.

GREENE - On May 30th, to Sarah (née Grant) and Peter, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for Justin and Harry.

GREEN - On 30th May, to Coralie (née Johnston) and Tom, a son, Charles Robert Curtis.

JACKSON - On 16th May, to Nicola (née Bryant) and Dirik, a daughter, Meriel Esther, a sister for Nicholas and Hugo.

MARTIN - On May 23rd, at the Whittington Hospital, to Catherine (née Pearson) and Derek, a small wonder, Molly Anne, sister to Alice.

PEARSON - On 29th May 1993, to Lila and Charles, a daughter, Carintnia Alexandra.

READ - On June 2nd 1993 at Queen Charlotte's, to Fiona (née Brace) and Tim, a beautiful son, Alexander Edmund Philip.

ROPNER - On May 8th 1993, in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, to Peggy (née Ison) and Paul, a daughter, Chloe.

STEKELIS - On May 28th, to Meg and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Eileen Mary.

TAVELLA - On May 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Aldina (née Vivolo) and Mario, a son, Guido Tomaso Maria.

ZEITLYN - On May 23rd, in Cambridge, to Victoria (née Breton) and Michael, a daughter, Emma Raine.

MARRIAGES

WALKER:WATSON - John Walker lately of Westrip, Stroud, Glos. and Margaret Jean Watson of Worcester announced their marriage at St John the Baptist Church, Claines, Worcester, on 2nd June.

DEATHS

AULT - Marjorie Eileen (née Rotton) of Blakedown, Worcestershire, devoted widow of Dr. Robert Geoffrey Ault and much loved mother of Vivien, Geoffrey and Robert, passed away suddenly on 31st May. Funeral Service at Wesley Chapel, High Street, West Bromwich, at 2.30 pm Monday 7th June.

AVELINE - Sheila. After a mercifully short illness on 1st June 1993, widow of Ack and much loved mother of Gordon. Funeral 2.30 pm, Thursday 10th June at Eversley Church, Eversley, Hampshire. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the R.N.L.B.

BARNES - Mita. See Easton.

BARTLETT - On May 19th at St James's Hospital, Leeds, Wendy Frances, née Astbury, aged 33, beloved wife of George and loving daughter of Bill and Valerie, sister of William and Thomas and dear aunt of Leif.

BEATTIE - On June 2nd 1993. Joan, at her house in her 89th year. Funeral Service and Interment to St Chad's Church, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, on Friday June 11th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to F Jennings & Sons, St James House, Horseley Field, Wolverhampton.

BERWICK - On 1st June in Brighton, Col. Edward Walter Hall, formerly of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Father of Dorothea. Service on 10th June, Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton at 2.15 pm. No letters by request. Family flowers only to Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, tel: (0273) 821985.

CATTANACH - Kenneth (Joe) suddenly at home on 31st May. Loving and much loved husband of Patricia, father of Mary, and of Ann who predeceased him. Funeral Service Friday 11th June 11.30 am Cheltenham Crematorium, Gloucestershire. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to International Glaucoma Association, P.O. Box 75, London SE5 9RU. Enquiries to Packer & Slade F/D, tel: (0285) 653625.

DEATHS

CRAIG - On June 1st, peacefully in his 84th year after a short illness, Dr. James Wallace, dearly loved father and grandfather. At his request there will be a private family cremation. A Memorial Service will take place at a later date.

DRAKE - Molly, peacefully at home on 3rd June, very dearly loved wife of the late Rodney, beloved mother of Gabrielle and Nick, mother-in-law of Louis, beloved sister of Gwladys and Nancy. Funeral at Tamworth-in-Arden Church, 11 am Wednesday 9th June. No flowers please.

EASTON - On June 3rd 1993, peacefully in Allenbrook, Mita. Funeral at St Mary's, Fordingbridge, on Monday June 14th at 11 am, followed by private cremation at Salisbury. Donations to Injured Jockeys Fund or Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o J & W Sherring, 15 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AY.

FREYBERG - On 26th May, peacefully, Paul, 2nd Baron Freyberg of Wellington, New Zealand and of Munstead in the county of Surrey. Much loved husband of Ivry and adored father of Annabel, Venetia, Christina and Valerian. Funeral private and no Memorial Service at his own request.

FRIEDLAND - Albert, suddenly on May 31st. Much loved by his wife Rosalind, son Jonathan, family and friends. Private funeral. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund.

GOWER - On June 2nd, peacefully at Oxted Hospital, Edward (Teddy), dearly loved husband of Katherine and father of Richard and Stephen. Funeral Service at Worth Crematorium on June 9th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only.

HARDY - Winifred, suddenly at her new home on May 31st. Dearly loved sister of Dorothy Longworth and beloved aunt of Rosemary. Cremation private.

HILL - On 2nd June 1993, Alexander George Gledson, peacefully in his 93rd year at Oaken Holt, Farmoor, Oxford. Beloved husband of the late Elaine Hill (née Phelan) and dear father to Adrian, Bernard, Claire and five grandchildren. Private cremation 8th June.

JOHNS - Owen (J.P.G.O.) at home in Alderney, C.I., on June 2nd with dignity after a short illness. Beloved husband of Megan Christine. Father of Teresa, Susanna and Rosyne and proud grandfather of "the eight". Funeral Service St Anne's Church, 8th June at 2 pm, cremation in Guernsey. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Alderney Cancer Relief Fund c/o T.S.B., Victoria Street, Alderney, C.I.

KERSEY - Muriel, widow of Richard, on 31st May at the Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, 10am Monday 14th June, followed by funeral service at Loxwood Parish Church at 10.45 am. No flowers, but donations to Macmillan Unit.

LAMBERT - On June 1st 1993, peacefully at St Wilfrid's, Chelsea, Sheila "Tiny" (née Shaw), widow of Charles James Lambert in her 85th year. Private cremation. No flowers.

LOW - Moira Barbara, widow of David, formerly of Hundon, Suffolk, died suddenly at Bridgnorth Hospital after a long illness, aged 79. Much loved and greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral at Hundon Parish Church 2 pm Friday 11th June. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PEACOCK - On 1st June 1993, peacefully in Wexham Park Hospital, Ronald Peacock, Professor Emeritus of the University of London, aged 85 years. Family flowers only. Donations if desired. All enquiries to Arnold Funeral Service Ltd. tel: (0753) 891892.

PETRIE - On June 1st, suddenly, Dr. Leonard Petrie aged 49 years. Sadly missed by his children Caroline and Nicholas, sister Aviva and her family, friends and patients. Funeral Sunday.

REVELL - Lt. Col. Victor David Revell T.D., F.R.I.C.S., suddenly on June 1st 1993. There will be a service at Manaton Church, Devon, on Wednesday June 9th at 11.15 am. A Memorial Service in London will be arranged. No flowers please, donations if desired payable to The British Heart Foundation may be sent to Walter Parson, The Firs, 702 Budshead Road, Plymouth, PL6 5DY tel: (0752) 767676.

RITCHIE - On June 3rd 1993 peacefully at Burnham Lodge Nursing Home after a long illness, James Martin, dearly loved husband of Noreen and father of Hamish, Alasdair and Duncan. Funeral Service to be held at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, on Wednesday 9th June at 4 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association. All enquiries tel: (0753) 891200.

ROSSITER - On 2nd June, peacefully at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, aged 66 years, Elvica (Rusty) sister of Mary, wife of John, mother of Richard and Rowena and grandmother of Caroline, Alexander and Holly. Loved by us all. Funeral service and cremation at Westerleigh Crematorium, Bristol, on Wednesday 9th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Cancer Research c/o Ray Preddy Funeral Directors, 2 Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol BS17 3EN.

TACON - Boo (née Hague) on Sunday 30th May 1993, peacefully in her sleep aged 86. Will be much missed by Amanda, Vincent, Pam and 8 grandchildren. Funeral at St Thomas à Becket in Cliffe, Lewes, at 3 pm Friday 11th June. Family flowers only, donations to Victoria Hospital, Lewes, appreciated c/o Cooper and Son, 42 High Street, Lewes.

VOUTE - On 29th May, at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Barbara Mary (née Carroll), beloved wife of Dr. Jan Pieter Voute and devoted mother to their four children. Any enquiries to (0642) 724486.

YORK - Peacefully in hospital Margery aged 77 years, dear wife of John Miles and mother and mother-in-law of Maureen and Michael. Loving granny of Victoria and Simon. Funeral Service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday 9th June at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association may be sent to Messrs John G Ashton & Company, Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4DB tel: (061) 928-7816 to whom all enquiries should be directed.

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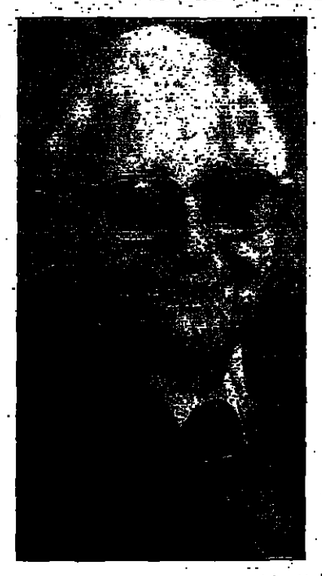
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OBITUARIES

SIR AUSTIN ROBINSON

Sir (Edward) Austin (Gossage) Robinson, OBE, Keynsian economist, died on June 1 aged 95. He was born on November 20, 1897.



Lydia Lopokova in 1925. After the publication of Keynes's *Treatise on Money* in 1930, both Austin and Joan Robinson joined Richard Kahn, Piero Sraffa and James Meade as members of the "Cambridge Circus", a group of younger economists who, criticising day and night the *Treatise* and later the early drafts of the *General Theory*, became the first generation of the emerging Keynesian school.

THE last survivor of the original circle of Cambridge economists who emerged under the influence of Keynes in the 1920s and 1930s, Austin Robinson was a remarkable administrator and applied economist, but was overshadowed through much of his long career by a far more brilliant theoretician, his wife Joan Robinson. His death breaks the direct link with Keynes, whose *General Theory* Austin Robinson reviewed in *The Economist* when it appeared in 1936, and whose loyal disciple he remained all his life.

Robinson's early career is described in a very readable memoir, written at the age of 94, of his apprenticeship as an economist in the years between 1920 and 1938. In this he explained that when he went up to Cambridge in 1920 he had no thought of becoming an economist. His intention to study aeronautical engineering was thwarted by his college's insistence that since his scholarship was in Classics he must take the classics tripos.

What moved him to switch to economics after his first year was the enthusiasm of the economic historian C. R. Fay and listening to Keynes deliver the lectures that were later transformed into *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*.

Robinson was quickly drawn into Keynes's inner circle, the exclusive discussion club which at first excluded the Girton undergraduate Joan Maurice, whom Robinson was to marry in 1926. Austin Robinson was included in the last of Keynes's bachelor reading parties in the Lake District, just before Keynes married

It was Austin Robinson who, as his wife wrote, helped Keynes to make his breathtaking departure from classical economics. "He immediately spotted a central fallacy in the 'widow's cruse' at a time of unemployment. If businessmen increase consumption when profits rise, there will be an increase in the output of goods and services, with not necessarily any rise in prices at all." As Austin himself put it: "If an entrepreneur loaded with profits decided on his way home to have a shoeshine, was the effect solely to raise the price of shoeshines, rather than affect the number of shoes shone?"

During the 1920s and 1930s Robinson mixed academic life in Cambridge with very different activities elsewhere: two years in India as tutor to a maharajah in 1926-28; six months motoring in southern African from Johannesburg to Lake Tanganika and back in 1932 to study the economic and social aspects of life in the Copperbelt; collaboration with Lord Hailey in the writing of *An African Survey*, as well as acting in Cambridge as assistant to Keynes in editing the *Economic Journal* from 1934.

All of these activities led to prolonged reflection on the problems of economic development at a time when little had been written on the subject. He also published two successful textbooks on industrial economics — the only full-length books to appear under his name: *Monopoly* and an earlier one which was written to prepare the ground for it. Meanwhile his wife was writing her great work, *The Theory of Imperfect Competition* and other books.

During the second world war he entered on a new career as an economics adviser. He was a founder-member of the Economic Section (of the War Cabinet Offices, later of the Treasury) and in that capacity he enlisted the services of James Meade and Richard Stone to prepare the first official set of national accounts.

In 1942 he moved to the Ministry of Production as Economic Adviser and Head of the Programmes Division. Towards the end of the war he became involved in the quadrapartite negotiations on the future level of industry in Germany and spent some time in Moscow and subsequently in Berlin preparing the British plan for Germany.

On his return to Britain in October 1945 he joined the Board of Trade as Economic Adviser under Sir Stafford Cripps and after a brief spell in Cambridge in 1946-47 was soon back again in Whitehall, this time as a member of the Economic Planning Staff. In this capacity he took part in the discussions on the Marshall Plan in Paris in 1948, before finally resuming academic life as a professor in Cambridge.

From then on a rather different career began. In addition to his teaching duties and his joint editorship of the *Economic Journal* from 1944 to 1970, he engaged in various forms of academic administration: helping to build up the department of applied economics; planning the development of the Sidgwick Avenue site where the building containing the Marshall library is named in his honour and chairing the faculty of economics. He was succeeded in his Chair in 1965 by his wife, who died in 1983.

He was peculiarly willing to immerse himself in administrative duties, "the willing slave" as he put it, of the organisations he served. He took an active part in nearly all the major organisations of interest to economists: the Royal Economic Society, the International Economic Association, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, the Overseas Development Institute and others.

He was forever travelling: to conferences of the International Economic Association, to meetings of in South East Asia; and above all to the Indian sub-continent. As late as 1982 he drafted a lengthy report on energy and economic development for Taiwan.

Austin Robinson's interest was never in theory for its own sake but as a guide to action. What he was after was always specific recommendations for policy rather than general principles of universal application. He had a coherent economic philosophy but not one that he attempted to systematise.

The problems of the Third World, in which his interest latterly centred, differed from country to country and were often dominated by factors which did not figure prominently in economic theory.

Robinson was a modest and understanding man who tried to be helpful and is remembered by his former pupils with affection and respect. He was not someone who tried to impress or throw his weight around. On the contrary, he was a natural pacifier, seeking consensus but always retaining a well thought-out view of his own.

He disliked having to make himself disagreeable and took no pleasure in the exercise of power. He was orderly both in presenting an argument and in handling his affairs. In the many things in which he had a hand, he tried to use his influence constructively and had a capacity for bringing forward a flow of new and practical ideas.

As one who claimed less for his own achievements than was their due and sought to give more to life than he took from it, it was only fitting that he should enjoy an unusual span of life and enjoy it, still in possession of all his faculties, full of ideas for the advancement of his subject and actively involved in institutions in which he had taken so large a part.

His wife died in 1983. He is survived by their two daughters.

JOSEPH PULITZER

Joseph Pulitzer Jr., American newspaper magnate and art collector, died in St Louis, Missouri, on May 26, aged 80. He was born in St Louis on May 13, 1913.



WHEN Joseph Pulitzer succeeded his father as editor and publisher of the *St Louis Post-Dispatch* in 1955, he left little doubt that he intended to maintain the crusading tradition established by his grandfather when he founded the paper in 1878. "We will not only report the day's news," he wrote in his first editorial, "but illuminate dark places, and, with a deep sense of responsibility, interpret these troubled times."

It was a journalistic philosophy of which the *Post-Dispatch* readers had been reminded every day since the first Joseph Pulitzer placed it at the head of the editorial column in 1907.

Under Pulitzer's leadership, which lasted for 31 years until he retired to assume a new role as chairman of the Pulitzer Publishing Company, the *Post-Dispatch* followed the dictum faithfully. It became one of the first American newspapers to oppose the war in Vietnam, and also one of the first to publish excerpts from the Pentagon Papers, the secret CIA history of the war.

The Pulitzer Prizes, the highest awards in American journalism, had been established by his grandfather. Joseph Pulitzer Jr. served as chairman of the selection board from 1955 to 1986, and saw the staff of his own paper win five Pulitzers over that period, including prizes for commentary and editorial cartooning. In 1987 he received a special citation from the Pulitzer Prize Board, for his "extraordinary services to American journalism and letters."

When Joseph Jr inherited the *Post-Dispatch*, the company's other holdings consisted only of a radio and television station in St Louis. Under his guidance it bought newspapers in Arizona and Chicago, six more television stations and one additional radio station.

By 1986, however, Pulitzer faced a financial challenge. The company had accrued a considerable debt, and a group of dissident relatives who owned stock in the privately-held concern found a Michigan real estate developer who was willing to buy the empire for $625 million. Pulitzer resisted, and defeated the takeover bid by going public with the stock in order to offset the company's debt.

Although his career was inevitably in journalism, Pulitzer's abiding passion was modern art. He had taken a fine arts degree at Harvard, prior to joining the news staff of the *Post-Dispatch* in 1936, and had begun his collection that same year when he bought Modigliani's "Elvira Resting at a Table." Three years later, at an auction in Lucerne, he purchased "Bathers with a Turtle" by Matisse for $2,400. It is now worth an estimated $24 million.

Such capital appreciation finally convinced Pulitzer's father that there might be something in his son's obsession. He had earlier ridiculed the purchases, convinced, said Pulitzer later, "that I had been fleeced by shrewed and unscrupulous New York dealers."

The Pulitzer collection, frequently loaned anonymously to museums, ultimately consisted of 86 pieces, including works by Degas, Monet, Vuillard, Picasso, Braque and Miro. He once owned Picasso's seminal work "Demoiselles d'Avignon," which he bought before the second world war but donated it to the New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Pulitzer's interest in art and colour had a practical application at the *Post-Dispatch*, which at his insistence became the first newspaper in the United States to switch from the old letter-press printing process to offset cold-type production, allowing high quality colour reproduction.

Widowed in 1968, Joseph Pulitzer Jr is survived by one son.

DR MICHAEL WINTERBORN

Dr Michael Winterborn, a pioneer in the treatment of children with life-threatening kidney disease, died in Birmingham of lymphoma on May 20 aged 53. He was born in Norway on June 3, 1939.

MICHAEL Winterborn, was appointed consultant paediatric nephrologist to East Birmingham Hospital and the Birmingham Children's Hospital in 1975 with a remit to establish a unit for the treatment of children with chronic renal failure. He was educated at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire and St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, and had trained in children's renal medicine with Dr (later Professor) R. H. R. White in Birmingham and, from 1973 to 1975, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

He threw himself into his new post with an enthusiasm and gusto which were characteristic and which were evident to the very end of his life. Not only was he meticulous in establishing a multi-disciplinary team with the highest professional standards in the new unit, which served the whole of the West Midlands region, he also became an ambassador for children with chronic renal failure, giving many hours of his own time to talk to non-professional groups about the problems of such children and their families, and raising money to provide facilities for their care. This was at a time when many doctors doubted the wisdom of kidney dialysis and transplantation in children and he was also required to be an advocate to his own profession.

His devotion to the children led him regularly to forgo parts of his annual leave so that he could accompany them and their parents on holidays in Britain and abroad whilst continuing their dialysis treatment. The unit was initially based at East Birmingham Hospital but later moved to the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Many children in the West Midlands owe their lives to dialysis and kidney transplantation initiated by him. A party held in April to mark his early retirement was attended by more than 70 former patients and their parents. In the last days of his life he derived pleasure from the knowledge that the unit which he created was to be named "The Michael Winterborn Dialysis Unit".

He was among the first of a new generation of children's kidney specialists in Britain and he gained an international reputation. He was for many years secretary and convener of the British Paediatric Nephrology Association and he served as secretary general of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology and as assistant secretary of the International Paediatric Nephrology Association. He was awarded the Golden Kidney award of the European Society in recognition of his contribution to European paediatric nephrology.

Michael Winterton had an enormous energy and zest for life, whether it was rock climbing in the Peak District, performing medical research in the high Himalayas, indulging his love of the opera house and the concert hall, or simply cooking a curry for friends at home.

The last two years of his life were spent in the increasing shadow of his disease. Although it finally took away his life, it never diminished his enthusiasm, his ability to find humour in almost any situation, or his attitude of cheerful optimism. All who knew him at this time were deeply impressed by his indomitable courage.

His marriage to Penny Stephenson was dissolved in 1986. He is survived by his second wife, Mary (nee Waldron), and the two sons of his first marriage.



KIMON FRIAR

Kimon Friar, translator of modern Greek literature into English, died in Athens on May 25 aged 81. He was born in Propontis, Turkey, in 1911.

KIMON FRIAR made modern Greek literature accessible to an entirely new audience. He was the translator of Nikos Kazantzakis's *The Odyssey: A Modern Sequel*, which helped to establish the author on the international circuit, and to ensure that another of Kazantzakis's works, *Zorba the Greek*, was later snapped up by Hollywood and turned into a film starring Anthony Quinn.

Kazantzakis, however, considered Friar's translation of his 33,000-line philosophical poem more of an impressive creation in its own right than an English-language adaptation, and critics such as Lawrence Durrell agreed with him. Friar made his Odysseus a more flawed and pitiable figure than either Homer or Kazantzakis's telling had allowed.

Friar was born on Propontis, in the Turkish Sea of Marmara, to Greek parents, but later immigrated with them to the United States, where he attended the University of Wisconsin.

He settled in Athens in 1950, and began to work as a translator, and editor of the literary journals *Greek Heritage* and the *Charioteer*. He was an outspoken critic of the military junta that ruled Greece from 1967-74, but despite vague threats from the authorities he was never imprisoned, probably because of his high profile abroad.

His translation of the poet Odysseus Elytis's work is widely considered to have influenced the Nobel committee when it gave him the prize for literature in 1979. He also wrote and collaborated on a number of poetry anthologies, including *Modern Greek Poetry from Cavafis to Elytis* (1973).

The photograph accompanying the obituary of Barbara Ker-Seymer yesterday, was in fact a picture of Vita Sackville-West which was taken by Ker-Seymer. We very much regret the error.

RHYDWYN EVANS

Rhydwyn Harding Evans, CBE, emeritus professor of civil engineering of the University of Leeds, died on May 22 aged 92. He was born on October 9, 1900.

A PIONEER researcher in the field of reinforced and prestressed concrete, Rhydwyn Evans's contributions to the advancement of the subject were recognised by numerous awards; these included the Institution of Civil Engineers' George Stephenson Gold Medal, the Institution of Structural Engineers' Certificate of Commendation and the Ghent University Medal, as well as several honorary doctorates.

Evans's career began in 1923 when he graduated BSc with top first class honours at Manchester University. In 1926 he became a demonstrator at the University of Leeds rising to become the first Chair of Civil Engineering at Leeds. For the next 22 years, he was the administrative head of all the engineering departments at the university and was pro-vice chancellor from 1961-65. His contribution to the university was such that the tenure of his chair and headship of the engineering departments were extended for three years beyond the normal retirement age of 65.

After his retirement in 1968, Rhydwyn Evans continued his research and scholarly work with unabated energy. In 1975 his third book, *Reinforced and Prestressed Concrete*, was published; in the same year he was appointed joint chief editor of McGraw Hill's *University and International Series in Civil Engineering*.

In 1983 his fourth book, the *Handbook of Structural Concrete*, was published jointly by McGraw Hill in New York and Pitman in London. His work came to Longman's attention and in 1987, shortly after Longman's take-over of Pitman, he was appointed joint chief editor of the new *Longman Concrete Design and Construction Series*.

Rhydwyn Evans was a first-class teacher. It has been said that there were three ways for an engineering professor to be unpopular among his academic colleagues. One was to be well thought of by the practising engineers outside the universities. Another was to write or edit books which were marketable. And the third was to be able to write simple English which others could understand. Evans was guilty on all three counts and yet his personal qualities were such that he remained immensely popular to the end.

His wife Dilys died in 1973. He is survived by his son.

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From our Special Correspondent

The RAC International light car race held at Douglas, Isle of Man, yesterday, was won by "B. Bira," driving a supercharged E.R.A. entered by Prince Chula of Siam in the excellent time of 2 hours 45min. 34sec., giving him an average of 70.69 miles an hour over a distance of approximately 200 miles. He drove a superb race throughout and with the exception of about half a lap at the start he led from beginning to end.

E.R.A. cars took the first five places and once again these machines have proved their definite superiority over all foreign competitors in this class. The race was run under extremely bad conditions. It had rained incessantly the whole day and full praise must be given to the drivers for handling their machines so well.

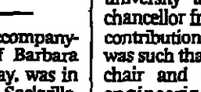
Of an entry of 22 cars there were seven non-starters and promptly at 2 p.m. the remaining 15 cars were started. R. Mays, B. Bira and P. G. Fairfield were the first to reach St. Ninian's bend, the first dangerous corner on this course. Very little could be seen of the others as they were enveloped in clouds of spray. At the end of the first lap Bira had taken the lead with Mays a close second. Fairfield was third, fourth and fifth places being taken by R.E. Tongue and I. F. Connell. At 10 laps the leading positions had changed; Bira was still in the lead, but Fairfield had now taken second place and L. Villoresi, driving a Maserati, was third. Speeds round the course were getting faster and one could not help but wonder whether the cars and drivers could stand up to the strain under these very bad conditions.

At the half-way distance Bira and Fairfield were still in the lead, with Tongue, Mays and Walker third, fourth and fifth respectively. Mays was beginning to increase his speed and was gradually pulling up on the leaders. At the end of 30 laps he had managed to reach first place, because Bira stopped for refuelling. Bira, however, soon got going again and had regained his lead after two laps. At 40 laps Bira was still well in the lead, with Mays second, Fairfield third, Tongue fourth, and Whitehead, who had taken over the car that Walker had been driving, fifth.

With only one lap to go the leading positions had not altered, Bira crossing the line at the end of his fiftieth lap well in the lead. He thoroughly deserved his victory, having driven a grand race under such very difficult conditions.

ON THIS DAY

June 4 1937



Prince Birabongse of Siam (1914-1985), who drove under the name of "B. Bira", was a force to be reckoned with in racing car circles in the 1930s and 40s.

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY JUNE 4 1993

NEWS

Major makes a plea for unity

■ John Major will today begin a fight to regain his political authority as confidence in his leadership falls to its lowest ebb and fresh troubles pile up for him over Europe and from the Right.

The prime minister is already bracing himself for a renewed onslaught from Lady Thatcher and Lord Tebbit over pressure from some EC leaders for deeper European integration after Maastricht **Pages 1, 16, 23, 24, 27**

Seven die in tanker blaze

■ Seven crew died and two more were feared dead after a BP tanker and a cargo ship collided yesterday in the Channel. Accident investigators will today board the smouldering hulk of the tanker *British Trent* to try to find the cause of the collision..... **Pages 1, 2**

House prices fall

The Halifax building society reported that house prices fell by 1.2 per cent in May, dashing hopes that the housing market had turned the corner.... **Page 1**

Lloyd's deadline

Lloyd's of London has until the end of the year to sort out its problems before facing legislation to end its self-regulatory status, Sir Richard Body, a senior Tory MP said..... **Page 1**

BA strike threat

British Airways pilots have voted 5-1 in favour of a strike. News of their ballot leaked out as airline and union leaders met in an attempt to avert a 24-hour stoppage **Page 1**

Boot goes in

After the game, the national pastime begins. For Graham Taylor it was the thud of tabloid boot on manager's face after England's 2-0 defeat by Norway..... **Page 1**

Smith under fire

Labour's lacklustre performance since John Smith's election as leader will come under fire at the weekend from John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, one of the party's largest unions..... **Page 2**

Tournament cut back

The Royal Tournament in London has been reduced from 18 days to 12 because the 2,100 personnel involved in the services' largest public entertainment cannot be spared .. **Page 5**

Education broadside

The likelihood of the teachers' dispute extending into next year increased as head teachers, parents and governors attacked government education policy**Page 5**

Raids in London

TWO thousand police officers raided 671 homes in London and made 385 arrests in the latest stage of Scotland Yard's battle against burglars ... **Page 7**

Workers stay out

Sacked Timex workers voted unanimously to reject a back-to-work package negotiated by their union and vowed to continue the bitter strike..... **Page 9**

Ceremonial delay

Guatemala's political crisis took a bizarre turn when Gustavo Espina, the vice-president, postponed his swearing-in.. **Page 14**

Bosnia 'capitulation'

The allies had to be prepared to use force to defend Muslim "safe areas" in Bosnia or the Washington accord would be capitulation, the EC foreign commissioner said..... **Page 12**

Peking bristles

The fourth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square killings has provoked a sulphurous attack by Peking on liberal legislators in Hong Kong..... **Page 10**

Sihanouk comeback

Prince Sihanouk, the one-time boy king, again claimed Cambodia's highest office **Page 10**

Academics brawl over plagiarism

■ A bitter plagiarism dispute among American academics has left one historian furiously defending his reputation and his principal accuser on the twenty-fourth day of a hunger strike. Professor Stephen Oates is accused of copying the work of other scholars in several of his books, including a bestselling biography of Martin Luther King **Page 14**



On parade: The Queen showed a summer face while inspecting the Yeomen of the Guard at Buckingham Palace yesterday

BUSINESS

Record fine: Invesco MIM has been fined the maximum £750,000 by the investment watchdog and ordered to pay £1.5 million in costs after admitting 55 breaches of regulations ... **Page 23**

BT share shops: Furious banks and stockbrokers who have spent hugely setting up share shops to handle the BT3 share issue accused the government of failing to support them **Pages 23 and 27**

Markets: The absence of a cut in German interest rates set the tone for a quiet day. The FT-SE 100 index was down 10.2 at 2,852.8. The pound ended down 0.17 cents, and up 0.58 pfennigs..... **Page 27**

SPORT

Tennis: Steffi Graf returned to the top of the world rankings winning through to the French Open final. Stefan Edberg fell to Andrei Medvedev..... **Pages 40, 44**

Football: Rob Hughes asks: should he go, or should he stay? Graham Taylor is asked now exactly what he was asked after the European championship failure a year ago. *The answer is the same*.... **Page 38**

Cricket: England captain Graham Gooch won the toss and put the Australians into bat at Old Trafford on the opening day of the first Test. England fought back after a poor start and the Australians were 242 for 5 .**Pages 42, 44**

ARTS

Menacing Norman: "Norman Tebbit is truly formidable. He radiates menace, but without being overtly aggressive." The Alan Clark Diaries..... **Page 16**

Sweet talk: "Tell me," Mr Churchill asked me, "have you ever been bunched by the editor of *The Times*?" "Punched?" I said. "*Bunched*. Sent flowers." The Valerie Grove interview **Page 17**

Royal replay: It was fascinating, in this week's Coronation archive TV, to see the pale, resolute, miserable, Diana of the 1980s..... **Page 17**

Motoring: Kevin Eason takes the new Mercedes C-class for a spin to assess its appeal..... **Page 37**

Summer abundance: Never mind the quality, feel the width: about 1,800 works will be on show at the 225th annual Royal Academy Summer Exhibition..... **Page 33**

Dutch treat: A new Peter Sellars production of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, which has opened in Amsterdam, has provided Rodney Milnes with one of the most shattering experiences of his operagoing life **Page 34**

Couch potatoes beware: The brave new world of CD-i, or interactive compact discs, aims to integrate conventional audio, visual and game-playing pleasures into one package **Page 35**



Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, did not attend the funeral of five murdered Turks, and exposed problems in his administration **Page 13**



Michael Jackson has been condemned as an "abomination" unfit for Jewish consumption by Israel's rabbinical authorities **Page 14**



Tony Jacklin was smiling as of old after a score of 67, one off the lead, in the first round of the Dunhill British Masters golf tournament **Page 38**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Broadway's Oscars

■ In New York, a Tony means bums on seats and cash in the bank. The theatre community is holding its breath for Broadway's answer to the Oscars.

An Irishman in New York

"He refuses even to look at me. I may as well have a sack over my head, like the British soldier in *The Crying Game*." Ginny Dougary meets Stephen Rea

On the road to fame

■ Fit enough run in next year's NutraSweet London Marathon? Fit enough to be one of *The Times*'s 20 runners? See Weekend for expert training, and how to apply for a place on the road to fame

TV LISTINGS

A schools programme deserving wider interest. *Tuesday* (BBC2, noon) is a three-part drama of family relationships. Bob Peck and Natalie Morse star as father and daughter..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Grip on power

John Major has climbed out of political holes before. Perhaps he can do so again. *The reshuffle* was a first step — however faltering — towards a government with a greater grip on reality. In the coming weeks the prime minister must confront the weakness of economic recovery and the burden of public borrowing. He could begin this afternoon, at the Conservative Women's Conference **Page 19**

Ink blot diplomacy

By this weekend, France and Britain hope to be able to answer the critics of Western appeasement in Bosnia with a fresh United Nations Security Council resolution. Yet this display of resolve is largely empty show. The gap between words and action — the gulf between the desired end and the West's readiness to furnish the military means — is enormous**Page 19**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Alexander Solzhenitsyn had three burning and unswerving ambitions: first, to see the Soviet Union crumble; second, to finish the epic story of its rise and fall, chronicled in the novels on which he has been employed for more than a quarter of a century; third, to go back to the land of his birth..... **Page 18**

JANET DALEY

Apparently seeing no connection at all between economic recovery and the need for people to move about — from the country to the town, from suburbs to the town centre — the government is out to penalise all forms of transit **Page 18**

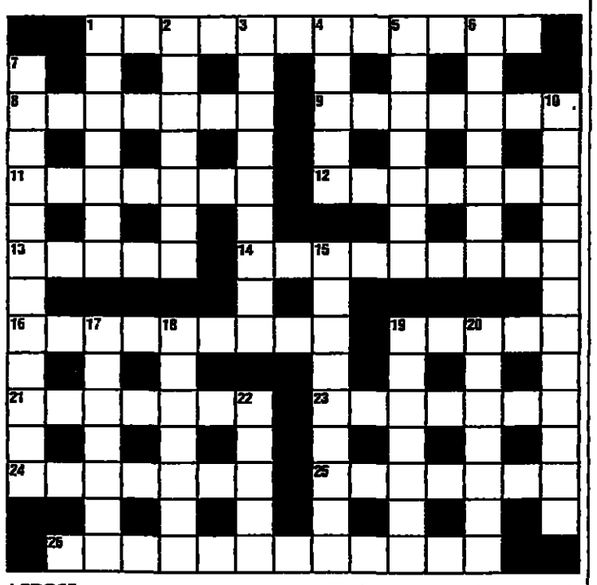
LETTERS

Coronation Day in a Korean POW camp: the chaplain of the "Glorious" Glosters looks back .. **Page 19**

THE WINNERS

As a rule, military coups do not produce wholly positive results, and the Guatemalan army's ouster of President Serrano is unlikely to prove the exception. Yet for Guatemala and its army, the removal of a would-be civilian dictator is a big step forward from the brutal military interventions of the recent past — *New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,248



ACROSS

1 Where in New Zealand the Scholar Gypsy saw the light? (12).
8 Reveal Scots very, very nearly (7).
9 Heartlessly ordering end to serious news (7).
11 Aid to concentration — quiet gin, perhaps (7).
12 Henry has pleasant garden spot in which to entertain (7).
13 Sample is, for example (5).
14 His part is crucial, though he's at the end of the line (9).
16 Watertight structure's form faced collapse (6-3).
19 Portly bishop about to entertain old crone (5).
21 Confess to end personal embarrassment (3,4).
23 Town centre of Camborne rather uncivilised (7).
24 Principal space between lines (7).
25 Study one state of a solid (7).
26 An empty place for Friday, say (6,6).

DOWN

1 Londoner proud about being born in France (7).
2 Worship one hidden abstraction (7).
3 Metricate the dump? (9).
4 Faithfully reproduce humorous song (5).
5 Suffer jog or nudge (7).
6 Agree about playing well (7).
7 An educational hot-house? (6,6).
10 Complete control of money in unfamiliar vault (12).
15 Revivals bring quick returns (9).
17 Stimulate diet and flourish (7).
18 Underhand inducement arousing strong feeling (7).
19 Alter tip of hypodermic for spray of this? (7).
20 Vigour died, when dishonoured (7).
22 Respectable drama's run (5).

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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a lot of cloud with rain, sometimes heavy. Clearer weather will spread from the west in the afternoon. England and Wales will begin dull and misty, but will turn brighter with some sunshine. Most places will stay dry, but there may be a few showers in northern areas. Outlook: most places will be dry and warm with some sunshine, *but there may be a few showers.*

EUROPE

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	f	Majorca	24	75	s
Alcudia	27	81	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Mexico C*	22	77	s
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	27	81	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	25	77	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	16	61	f
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	25	77	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Munich	13	55	r
Belgrade	25	77	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	19	66	r	Naples	24	75	f
Bermuda*	19	66	r	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	N York*	19	66	f
Borde'x	20	68	f	Nice	24	75	s
Brussels	15	59	c	Oslo	17	63	s
Budapst	28	82	f	Paris	16	61	r
B Aires*	11	52	s	Peking	33	91	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	17	63	s
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Prague	16	61	r
Chicago*	14	57	c	Reykjavik	9	48	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	18	64	c	Rio de J	21	70	s
C'phagn	18	64	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Rome	24	75	f
Dublin	15	59	s	Salzburg	13	55	r
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S Frisco*	16	64	s
Faro	23	73	s	Santiago*	18	61	f
Florence	18	64	t	S Paulo*	14	57	c
Frankfurt	21	70	f	Seoul	17	63	f
Funchal	23	73	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	17	63	f	St'kholm	11	52	r
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	c
Helsinki	13	55	s	Sydney	16	61	s
Hong K	25	77	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Innsbruck	15	59	r	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	24	75	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	17	63	c
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	28	82	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	25	77	s
La Toquet	14	57	c	Vanc'ver*	16	61	f
Lisbon	22	72	s	Venice	18	61	r
Locarno	24	75	f	Vienna	20	68	r
L Angeles*	22	72	s	Warsaw	25	79	f
Luxembg	17	63	c	Wash'ton*	22	72	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ton	13	55	c
Madrid	25	77	s	Zurich	16	61	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,018.9 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

ENGLAND & WALES

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Church Lawford, Warwickshire, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, near Aberdeen, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Odiham, Hampshire, 0.99in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 15.3hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 18C (66F); min 6pm to 9am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.6hr..

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.15in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil..

WORLD

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.21	9	48	rain
Anglesey	9.7	0.13	19	66	sunny
Aviemore	-	0.10	9	48	rain
Belfast	2.4	0.05	15	59	rain
Birmingham	4.9	0.03	20	68	bright
Bognor Regis	6.4	0.20	18	64	rain
Bristol	2.4	0.44	19	66	shower
Buxton	2.7	0.04	16	64	cloudy
Cardiff	3.8	0.36	18	64	rain
Clacton	2.8	0.02	18	64	bright
Colwyn Bay	5.9	0.10	18	64	sunny
Cromer	-	0.16	16	61	rain
Eastbourne	6.6	0.18	17	63	drizzle
Edinburgh	-	0.48	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.47	11	52	dull
Exmouth	1.0	0.56	17	63	shower
Falmouth	-	0.10	15	59	drizzle
Guernsey	-	0.65	20	68	cloudy
Hastings	4.3	0.02	17	63	bright
Hunstanton	0.3	0.47	15	59	thundr
Isle of Man	2.9	0.04	17	63	rain
Jersey	1.2	0.51	15	59	shower
Kinloss	-	0.13	9	48	rain
Leeds	2.7	0.01	19	66	rain
Lerwick	15.3	-	10	50	sunny
Littlehampton	5.5	0.35	17	63	shower
Liverpool	5.1	0.02	20	68	bright
Lowestoft	2.0	0.15	17	63	rain
Margate	x	-	20	68	cloudy
Minehead	1.1	0.29	18	64	shower
Morecambe	-	-	18	64	dull
Newquay	-	0.07	x	x	cloudy
Nottingham	2.1	0.02	19	66	cloudy
Penzance	-	0.17	15	59	dull
Plymouth	0.4	0.33	15	59	rain
Poole	4.4	0.67	19	66	bright
Salcombe	1.1	0.38	16	61	cloudy
Sandown	6.4	0.08	18	64	bright
Saunton Snd	2.7	0.12	18	64	shower
Scarborough	2.7	0.04	13	55	drizzle
Scilly Isles	1.6	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Shanklin	6.7	0.02	18	64	bright
Southend	6.0	0.03	18	66	bright
Stornoway	0.5	0.09	10	50	rain
Swanage	5.5	0.65	17	63	shower
Teignmouth	2.4	0.43	19	66	shower
Tenby	3.4	0.14	17	63	cloudy
Tiree	0.2	0.25	15	59	rain
Torquay	4.5	0.39	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	1.4	0.56	16	61	cloudy
Wick	-	-	9	48	rain
Worthing	6.4	0.15	16	61	bright

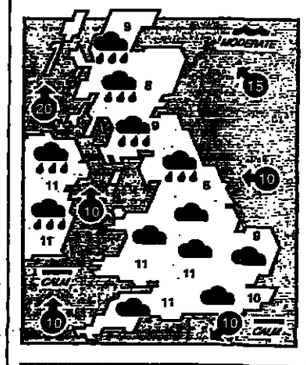
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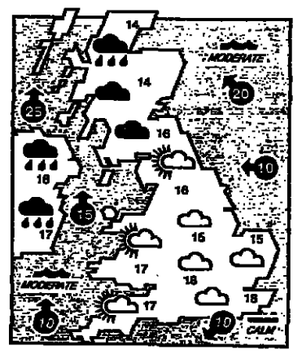
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Denmark Kr	10.03	9.23
Finland Mkk	8.96	8.16
France Fr	8.76	8.06
Germany Dm	2.60	2.40
Greece Dr	348.00	324.00
Hong Kong $	12.54	11.54
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2340.00	2195.00
Japan Yen	183.00	164.00
Netherlands Gld	2.93	2.70
Norway Kr	11.06	10.24
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.50
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	178.00	165.00
Sweden Kr	11.56	10.66
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	16200.0	16200.0
USA $	1.637	1.507

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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PM



SUN & MOON

London 9.41 pm to 4.17 am
Bristol 9.51 pm to 4.27 am
Edinburgh 10.21 pm to 4.02 am
Manchester 10.01 pm to 4.14 am
Penzance 9.56 pm to 4.46 am

Sun rises: 4.47 am — Sun sets: 9.11 pm
Moon rises 9.22 pm — Moon sets 5.30 am
Full moon 1.02pm

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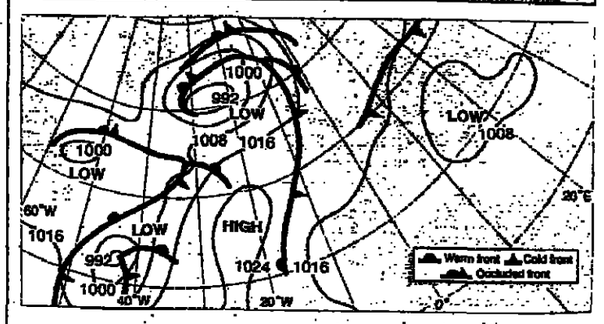
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Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	14	57	c
B'mingham	14	57	c	Inverness	15	59	f
Blackpool	16	61	c	Jersey	14	57	c
Bristol	18	64	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'nchster	17	63	c
Edinburgh	12	54	c	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'nldsway	11	52	fg

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.07	6.7	2.35	6.8	Liverpool	11.47	9.2		
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Dover	11.31	6.4	11.54	6.6	Penzance	5.12	5.4	5.25	5.5
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King's Lynn	6.55	5.4	7.17	5.5	W'ton-on-Nze			12.22	4.1
Leith	2.55	5.4	3.28	5.5					

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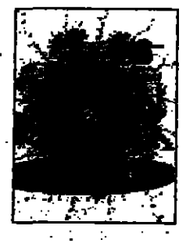
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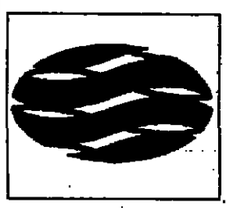


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THE POUND

US $ 1.5405 (-0.0017)
German mark .. 2.4668 (+0.0056)
Exchange index 79.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 2852.8 (-10.2)
Dow Jones ... 3538.22 (-15.23)*
Nikkei Avg 21076.00 (+384.30)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds.. 3%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.05-3.03%*
Long Bond 6.87%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5395*	£:$	1.5395
$:DM	1.6005*	£:DM	2.4655
$:SWfr	1.4284*	£:SWfr	2.1992
$:Ffr	5.3940*	£:Ffr	8.3140
$:Yen	107.35*	£:Yen	165.61
£:SDR	1.0833	£:ECU	1.2652

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.40 PM 374.70
Close 373.40-373.80
New York.
Comex 374.45-374.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Share shops furious over handling of BT3 issue



BY LIZ DOLAN

BANKS and stockbrokers who have spent millions of pounds setting up share shops to handle the BT3 share issue are accusing the government of failing to support them. They say advertising is too biased in favour of the government's share information office and that propectuses produced purely for share shop distribution contain a public application form as well as the special share shop form. Applicants may fill in the wrong form by mistake, thus foregoing the extra advantages of applying through the share shop, as well as the perks available to information office registrants, they say.

Clive Wood, general manager of Midland Stockbrokers, said: "Having authorised 150 share shops, with 10,000 outlets, the government ought to make certain that people do not accidentally lose the benefits of taking the share shop route." Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of planning at Barclays Stockbrokers, said: "We are keen to support the government in this — it's our future, after all — but we feel they have misjudged some of the issues." A spokesman for another share shop, who said he did not want to attract government displeasure by speaking on the record, said: "The whole thing has become so confusing for Joe Public that all we can hope is that the press can start drawing sensible comparisons and warn against pitfalls like the prospectus cock-up."

Warburgs said the extra form was intended for additional applications from people who had forgotten to register. It added that, although advertising had been skewed in favour of the share information office, an advertisement later in the campaign would concentrate on share shops. Warburgs denied claims that the government was duty-bound to point out the advantages of share shop applications. One stockbroker said: "If I don't give clients best advice, I'd be up before the Securities and Futures Authority in no time." The SFA regulates stockbrokers' activities. Warburg said: "The government is not a stockbroker.

If the offer is over-subscribed, share shop applicants will get more shares than those applying through the government's information office.

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Invesco must pay £2.4m for rule breaches

BY SARAH BAGNALL AND SARA MCCONNELL

■ Invesco MIM is to pay fines and costs of £2.34 million after admitting 55 breaches of Imro rules, including three relating to the Mirror Group pension fund

THE Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) said it had come close to closing down Invesco MIM, one of the four biggest UK fund managers with £40 billion under management, for 55 breaches of rules.

Instead, the regulator imposed a record fine of £750,000, the maximum possible, and ordered the group to pay costs of £1.6 million incurred by Imro as a result of its two-year investigation. The previous record fine by Imro was £100,000.

The Securities and Investments Board, which has been working closely with Imro, said it would investigate the role of past management. The SIB said last month that it would be prepared to use previously untested powers to bar individuals from the industry or publicly to criticise authorised persons.

Invesco MIM — until recently chaired by Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United Newspapers, with Nicholas Johnson as joint chief executive — admitted a total of 55 charges. These included Invesco companies' conduct in relation to the management of assets belonging to the Mirror Group Pension Scheme, mispricing of unit trusts, defective record keeping, failure to 'keep clients' money in separate accounts and making unsuitable investments on behalf of clients, which led to "significant losses".

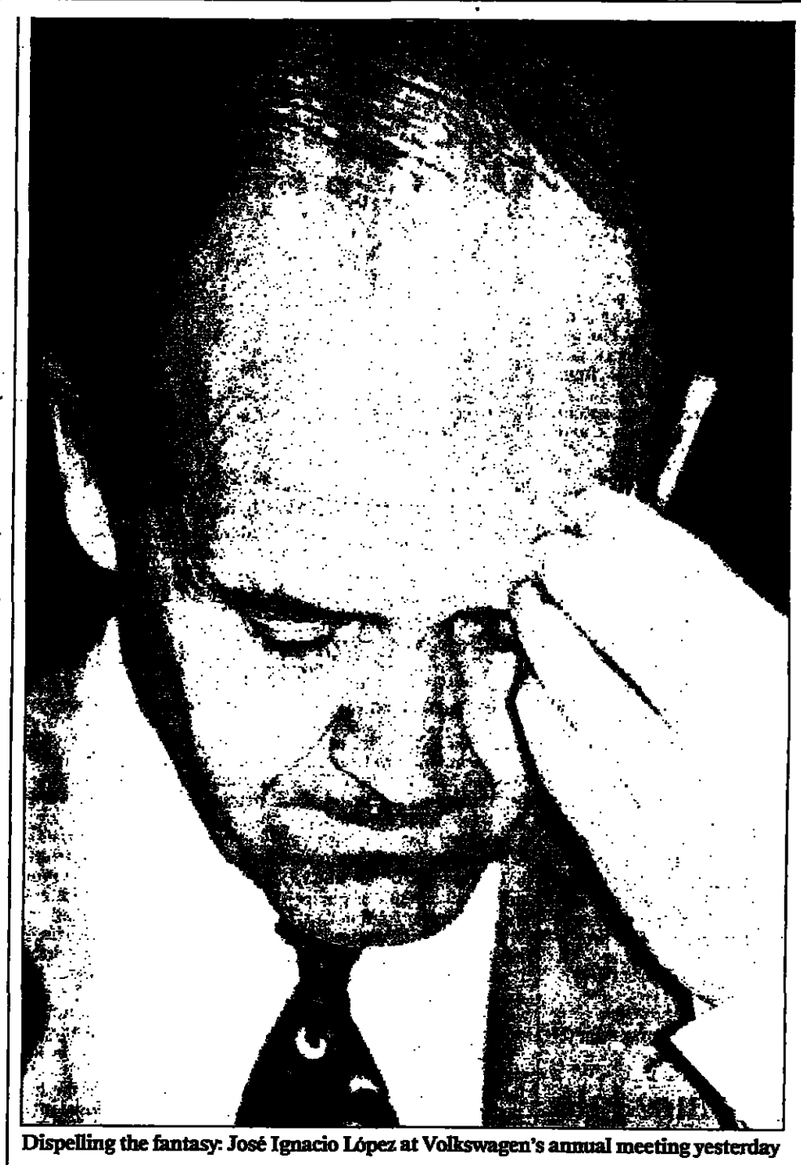
The charges are divided into five sets, each incurring a fine of £150,000, the maximum that can be imposed in summary disciplinary proceedings.

As well as the fines and costs, Invesco has had to pay compensation totalling £500,000 to unit trust investors who lost money over a two-year period. The losses occurred when Invesco's unit trust arm "valued a fund incorrectly by reason of its failure to ensure that entries had been made in its records to reflect a subdivision of shares held by a trust of which it was manager".

John Morgan, Imro's chief executive, said the size of the fine partly reflected Invesco's apparent failure to learn from an earlier fine of £75,000 imposed on the company in 1991 for ten breaches of rules in its personal equity plan (Pep) administration. Mr Morgan said: "This warning shot appears to have taught them nothing." Mr Morgan said the latest rule breaches reflected a "lack of systems and ultimately defective controls" in the group and pointed to an unacceptably "sloppy" attitude. He added that if the group's management had not changed and recent remedial action had not been taken Invesco would have been closed. "A well conducted and restored (Imro) member is better than a dead bad one," he added. Norman Riddell, who was appointed Invesco MIM's chief executive earlier this year, said: "We have been concentrating most of all on changing the culture of the business." He added that Invesco had been one of the worst performing stocks during the 1980s, despite the bull market. The share price reached its all-time high many years ago; the all-time low of 50p was a few months ago.

One set of charges relate to the handling by Invesco MIM Management (IMM) of shares belonging to the Mirror Group Pension Fund, which is the subject of legal action by the fund's trustees. One of the three charges is that in October 1990, IMM parted with share certificates worth about £26.7 million to a third party without instructions.

Mr Riddell said Invesco "was able to plead guilty to the charges without jeopardising the civil litigation" over £11.3 million.



Dispelling the fantasy: José Ignacio López at Volkswagen's annual meeting yesterday

VW denies López pay rumours

FROM REUTER IN HAMBURG

VOLKSWAGEN'S controversial new production and purchasing chief, José Ignacio López de Arriortua, is being paid less than $1.65 million a year, Klaus Liesen, the supervisory board chairman said. Rumoured figures of a salary of $5 million were fantasy, he told the annual meeting.

There was no commitment to any additional pay outside Mr López's contract terms, and his earnings matched normal levels in the German car industry. Mr López was a leading world expert and VW was glad to have taken him on, Herr Liesen added.

The VW supervisory board had dealt thoroughly with accusations of industrial espionage levelled by General Motors, Mr López's former employer, and its German subsidiary Adam Opel, he said. Herr Liesen repeated a statement issued by the board on Wednesday rejecting the accusations against Mr López and seven co-workers.

Ferdinand Piech, management board chairman, said the group aimed to make savings of 8.7 billion marks this year. He said VW had seen a slight improvement in the domestic market recently but it was not as strong as it had hoped. Production was cut by 200,000 vehicles in the first five months of 1993. Worldwide deliveries fell 11.7 per cent in January-April 1993.

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£760,000 for the top two

BY SARAH BAGNALL

INVESCO MIM has paid a total of £760,000 this year to its former chairman and deputy chairman, who have now been replaced.

Lord Stevens of Ludgate, who retired as chairman in April, three months ahead of schedule, is owed his "full contractural entitlement" of £300,000, according to Norman Riddell, chief executive. Mr Riddell said Lord Stevens is on the group's payroll until September, when his 12-month contract expires, and that he "believes there are no pension obligations".

His departure followed the resignation, in December, of Nicholas Johnson, the former deputy chairman. The group's report and accounts, published last week, revealed that Mr Johnson was paid £460,000 after he resigned from the board.

In April, Invesco unveiled pre-tax profits down £2 million to £12.6 million and a halved dividend.

Charles Brady, who replaced Lord Stevens as chairman, announced the appointment of Bill Stuttaford as a non-executive chairman for the European region.

Lord Stevens' office last night confirmed that he is chairman of United Newspapers, publisher of the *Express*, chairman of Alexander Proudfoot, the quoted management consultancy in which Invesco had an investment until last year, and chairman of Mid-States, a US automotive parts distributor.

The folly of blindly following Soros



ANTHONY HARRIS

If you didn't sell in May and go away, you may think that there is still plenty of time; but don't be too sure. The markets are already showing signs of summer lightheadedness, and in bad times this is a danger sign. The market is still driven by money — the money that neither shoppers or businesses are willing to spend — but is running out of plausible stories to guide its choices. It turns to silly ones.

The trendy substitute for thought is to follow George Soros, whatever he does. This is comforting for Mr Soros, but not so comforting for those who try to scramble aboard his bandwagon. They are liable to find that they are too late. The gold story illustrates the dynamics. Mr Soros embarks on a goldmining venture, and the gold price shoots up; but those who bought the metal must be alarmed to see that it is now drifting sideways. This means that investors are losing money, since the carrying cost of gold requires a continuously rising price to make up for lost interest receipts. This is normal, which is why even at the height of the post-Nixon inflation and gold boom, the late Fritz Machlup was able to observe that in any randomly chosen decade gold was the worst of all investments — "including", as he unkindly remarked from the US, "British government bonds". But in fact Mr Soros did not buy gold; he bought a gold mine. All he needed to observe was that the rising demand for gold, mainly from China and India, can no longer be satisfied from existing production and (probably dwindling) official sales. That will make marginal mines profitable, and their costs will put a floor under the price until demand falls. Gold holders may be comforting themselves with the legend that has grown from the Soros buy: if George buys gold, he foresees inflation. But this misses the whole point.

The Soros venture is not a price speculation; still less is it an inflation forecast. It is simply a forecast that the demand for gold will remain high enough to keep mining profitable. This again has little to do with inflation, apart from local inflation. It is a normal response to increasing unrest in the world. If you had made a pile in the Chinese boom, or watched religious rioting in India, or were a member of the Moscow mafia, you too would want part of your wealth in a form you could wear, or build in to the chassis of your car, as an insurance policy. Conclusion: buy a mine on the cheap.

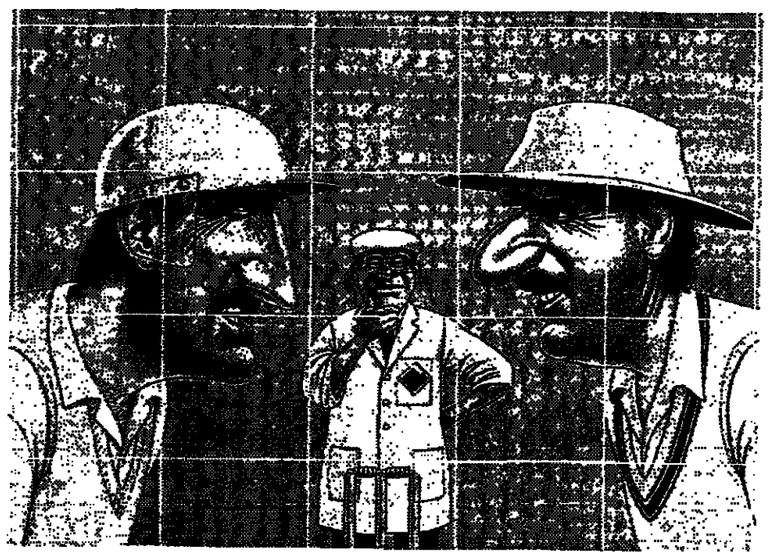
Meanwhile, the market's attention has been diverted. Gold is yesterday's Soros story, but today's is commercial property. Again, Mr Soros is not engaging in any bold speculation, but bargain-hunting; and he is in fact a bit late in the day. The London property world has been looking for opportunities to go bottom-fishing for some months now, but in this heavily over-supplied market it is very hard to find attractive buys.

Mr Soros, taking a long rather than a speculative view, has done the logical thing: he has bought a stake in the canniest company in the field. This is an investment in Ritblat expertise, not in the whole British economy; and if it takes a long time to pay off, Mr Soros of all people can afford to be patient. British Land is taking the opportunity of Soros-inspired glamour to raise some market money for its war chest. By all means buy some rights; but as a long hold, not as a short-term speculation.

There is a larger silliness behind all this: most market analysts, too young to know better, are continuing to treat this as an ordinary business cycle. Hence the hopes of strong recovery, shaded a bit because of US experience, and the fears of inflation. But nearly all the accurate forecasts have come from the minority who realise that this is not an ordinary recession, but a financial crash, cushioned by bailouts and public spending — a solution now seen as a problem.

The official international economists at the OECD and the EC are revising their forecasts down — the surest bear signal. As long as lay-offs continue, and banks remain afraid to lend — watch the broad money numbers — we will only bounce along the bottom, at best.

Spending will remain tight, profit margins tighter and dividends constrained. Wait till the market belatedly wakes up to this; in the autumn, perhaps?



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Construction industry likely to fall 3% this year

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE construction industry will decline by a further 3 per cent this year despite recovery in Scotland and the East Midlands, according to the Construction Forecasting and Research, an independent body.

While parts of the North are faring better, the outlook for London and the South East remains bleak, the research, commissioned by *Construction News*, says. The fall follows an 11 per cent drop in activity in 1992.

The forecast sees average growth for the construction industry across the country of 5 per cent next year.

The warning of delayed and patchy recovery comes just as confidence is beginning to return to a sector that has seen its longest and deepest recession in memory. The research shows that work for water, gas and electricity companies will hit a plateau this year and start to tail off while there will be some pick-up in house building.

It suggests that Scotland and the East Midlands are coming out of the trough first, with Scotland's construction output growing 8 per cent this year and 3 per cent in 1994.

The report says: "The offices sector in Scotland has benefited from the considerable increase in financial services activity in Edinburgh and Glasgow coupled with the chronic shortage of suitable space in Edinburgh. This has led to steady flow of new developments."

Output in the East Midlands will rise6 per cent this year and 10 per cent next year after better than average growth in the 1980s and only two years of downturn. Housing starts are set to grow almost 50 per cent for the second consecutive year. Yorkshire and Humberside should also see growth in construction work over the next two years though at a more modest level.

East Anglia is faring worst, with output likely to drop a fifth this year before it turns the corner with 3 per cent growth next year. London and the South East will see construction output fall 5 per cent this year and while work on the Jubilee underground railway line could set London and the way back up, the rest of the South East faces another year of decline in 1994 as construction work ends on the Channel tunnel.

One ray of hope is that housing associations will get house building moving again in the home counties. In the South West, work on the second road crossing of the River Severn masks a fall in work on other commercial construction.

Boots chief denounces Kingfisher price wars

■ A £14.4 million loss from Do It All bears the scars of a damaging price war but Halfords is back in profit after an overhaul and has hopes of more than doubling sales

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SIR James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, issued a thinly veiled warning to Kingfisher, its retailing rival, to end high street discount wars.

He revealed a 13 per cent rise in Boots's pre-tax profit, to £406.4 million for the year to March 31, compared with £343.7 million last time. However, a strong performance from the group's chemists chain was marred by deepening losses at Do It All, the do-it-yourself business jointly owned with WH Smith. Do It All has suffered severe price competition from B&Q, Kingfisher's DIY operation.

Boots the Chemists is also coming under increasing pressure from Superdrug's aggressive pricing strategy on key products, such as perfumes, sun creams and contact lens solutions. Sir James said of such pricing: "It does not build market share and it destroys shareholder value."

None the less, profit at the chemists chain surged to £285 million, an increase of 15.8 per cent, despite NHS clawbacks of £12 million. Margins rose to 10.7 per cent, up 0.7 of a percentage point, thanks to tight cost control and an improved product mix, with an increased proportion of higher-margin goods and own-label ranges.

The retail division, which excludes the chemists stores, remained £3.4 million in the red, owing mainly to a £14.4 million loss from Do It All. Although the chain is still having "a tough time", Sir James remains confident of its long-term prospects. He believes a new store format has differentiated Do It All from its competitors.

There was better news from Halfords, the autoparts and car service business, which turned losses of £9.5 million last year into a £4.7 million profit as the benefits of a systems and management overhaul filtered down to the bottom line. Sales were ahead by 6.6 per cent, at £327.2 million.

Profits in the pharmaceuticals division fell by 10.2 per cent, to £108.5 million, despite a 9 per cent rise in sales as the costs of developing Manoplax, Boots's controversial heart drug, took their toll. The group spent £20 million marketing the product during the year, despite a medical study indicating an increased risk of death to those using the 100-milligram daily dose.

The sharp fall in property prices since the last valuation, in 1989, forced Boots to write down the value of its properties by £223 million.

The dividend was lifted by 1p to 13.4p.

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Hard pounding: Sir James Blyth reported higher profits, despite DIY losses and pressure on the chemists chain

Hambro Insurance ready to spend

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

ACQUISITIONS are on the agenda at Hambro Insurance Services, which floated 50.9 per cent of its equity on the Stock Exchange in March.

Hambro has net cash of £7.9 million and undrawn bank facilities of about £15 million as a result of the listing, which enables it to "fund organic growth and to take advantage of acquisition opportunities", Nicholas Page, managing director, said.

One possible target is a loss-adjuster in the US, which would complement Cunningham Hart, the group's UK loss-adjusting operation and major profit contributor.

The group disclosed that pre-tax profits for the year to end-March had risen 17 per cent to £9.5 million, slightly ahead of the £9.4 million forecast in the flotation prospectus. There is no dividend, but Mr Page said that if the shares had been listed for a full year, 5.2p would have been paid. The shares remained unchanged at 145p, above the flotation price of 138p.

Mr Page said: "All parts of the group have had a highly satisfactory year, all the more creditable when overall economic performance in the UK was weak."

The £1.4 million advance in pre-tax profits reflected strong growth in Hambro Legal Protection, the group's legal expenses insurance operation, and Beale Dobie, the second-hand endowment policies market-making operation.

Pre-tax profits rose 68 per cent to £3 million at Hambro Legal Protection and 48 per cent to £1.2 million at Beale Dobie.

Berkeley Insurance, the insurance broker, increased pre-tax profits by £86,000 to £320,000, while Cunningham Hart's profits dipped slightly to £5 million.

Reflecting the group's ability to provide a range of insurance services under one roof, the group announced that Cunningham Hart and Hambro Legal Protection have won their first joint contract, handling public liability and motor risks for Strathclyde Regional Council.

Norcros launches £50m cash call

BY CARL MORTISHED

NORCROS, the building materials group, launched a £50 million cash call yesterday to reduce borrowings of £120 million. Michael Doherty, chief executive, sees a housing recovery on the way and wants to give Norcros the financial muscle to exploit it. "We have seen a worthwhile increase in sales. May is up 10 per cent on last year," he said.

Shareholders are being offered 38.8 million shares on a 2 for 7 basis at 132p, a discount of 21 per cent against yesterday's closing price of 168p. The new shares will not rank for the maintained final dividend of 3.5p but balance-sheet gearing should fall from 98 per cent to 40 per cent.

Norcros needs to rebuild its balance sheet which has been damaged by £100 million of property investments made in the late 1980s. Write-downs and sales have reduced the exposure to £45 million. A write-down of £5.4 million for the year to March 31 and a £2.5 million trading loss have both been taken as an extraordinary item in this year's accounts. Above the line, profits for the year fell 26 per cent to £11.5 million after a £4.5 million provision for the cost of redundancies, and earnings per share come out at 5p (7.5p). Adjusted for new financial reporting standard FRS3, Norcros would have reported pre-tax profits of £2.6 million and a loss per share of 2.5p.

Norcros has been cutting staff costs and the head count has reduced from 10,380 in 1990 to 7,161 at the end of March with sales per employee rising 6.8 per cent over last year. Building products scored the best result with operating profits more than doubled to £7.8 million on static sales. Sales of Triton electric showers improved with a 4 per cent increase in market share to 50 per cent. Ceramics experienced poor sales and profits declined from £11 million to £7 million. Norprint, the subsidiary that producestickets for the Tube and numerous airlines, suffered from the recession and competition.

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Solomon joins Princedale

SIR Harry Solomon, who presided over the rapid expansion of Hillsdown Holdings, is taking his talents to Princedale. David Winterbottom, the former chief executive officer of Evode, is joining him (Rodney Hobson writes).

Shares in the marketing services company are suspended on the USM at 2p. Princedale's survival plan depends on consolidating 20 existing shares into one new one and offering five new shares at 25p each for every eight consolidated shares held. The open offer will help to fund the £7.6 million acquisition of three companies from Hillsdown.

Princedale reported a pre-tax loss for the six months to March 31 of £71,000 (£326,000 profit). The interim dividend is passed.

Success of corporate strategy

1992/1993 HIGHLIGHTS

- Benefits of strategic change evident in results
- Improved Shipping, Storage and Engineering profits
- Strongest balance sheet for over ten years
- Continuing development in activities with growth potential

"We have reason to look ahead with confidence to an improving earnings stream"

David Hubbard

Results	1993	1992
Profit before exceptional items and tax *	£28.6m	£23.9m
Profit before tax*	£21.6m	£35.3m
Earnings per share*	18.6p	36.9p
Earnings per share - "normalised"	26.8p	20.2p
Dividends per share, net	22.6p	22.6p

*FRS 3 basis

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Swedish state sells to Volvo

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN STOCKHOLM

THE Swedish government's plan to privatise state property has been taken a step further. Volvo, the carmaker, is becoming sole owner of a new food company split from Procordia, a pharmaceuticals and food group of which it and the government have been the main shareholders.

The deal overcomes difficulties that prevented a sell-off last year, when Volvo's shares were worth much less. Carl Bildt, Sweden's prime minister, said it would help "to develop Swedish industry in Europe and spread the ownership of industries in Sweden". Taking over a company that owns beer, candy and soft drinks manufacturers might seem odd for a car maker that lost 3.31 billion kronor (£296 million) last year. Pehr Gyllenhammar, Volvo's chairman, explained: "Volvo will gain a large and profitable company with positive cash flow. . . . We don't mind either soft drinks or candy."

Volvo and the Swedish state have each held about 43 per cent of Procordia, which has been on the conservative government's list for privatisation since 1991.

The slimmed-down Procordia will focus on pharmaceuticals and remain mostly in the hands of the state, with Volvo holding 25 per cent. Complete privatisation is planned by 1995, though a return to power by the Social Democrats in next year's elections could halt it.

Last year, Procordia had a turnover of Kr40 billion and a Kr4.8 billion pre-tax profit. Procordia's food group, to be renamed Branded Consumer Products (BCP), has generated more than half of its turnover. Volvo is swapping its Procordia shares for shares in BCP, of which it will own 74 per cent. Later, Volvo will make a public offer for the remaining BCP shares.

Volkswagen chief gives notice of UK sales drive

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest motor manufacturer, is pressing to increase its share of the British new car market by 50 per cent in five years. The target, which will pit VW against Ford, Vauxhall, Rover and the Japanese competition, has been set out by Detlef Wittig, new chairman of VAG (United Kingdom), the UK importer.

Although VW is the most powerful car group in Europe, capturing 17 per cent of all sales, the group has struggled recently in the UK, falling from more than 6 per cent to a 4.9 per cent share. Exchange rate swings against German manufacturers have increased the pressure on VW, while French manufacturers — the PSA Peugeot-Citroën group and Renault — have made big gains in Britain.

Herr Wittig says the introduction of new products will allow VW to hit back and build towards his target of a 7.5 per cent market share by 1998. The new chairman, also sales director for Volkswagen worldwide, has told UK dealers: "As we have minimised the retail price impact of the devaluation of sterling against the deutschmark and have attractive campaign versions of the Volkswagen Polo, Golf and Passat, VW-Audi should secure a 5.5 per cent market share for 1993. We are not satisfied with consigning our performance to five point something forever. We are working to develop a business plan which will secure a 7.5 per cent market share for Volkswagen and Audi by the end of 1998. In the plan, the commercial vehicle side of our operation will grow by a similar amount to 7.3 per cent share."

Dealers have been warned that achieving the target will mean a substantial shake-up of the sales network, with Volkswagen showrooms being expanded while the number of franchises selling both VW and Audi cars will be cut from 220 to 190.

VW's ambitions will put the German company on a collision course with the big players in the UK car market. Ford has been losing market share for some time, down from a peak of about 30 per cent to 23 per cent, and will not want to lose more ground. Rover, too, has fallen back as it reconstructs, while Vauxhall has strengthened its foothold.

Meanwhile, Peugeot, backed by its factory at Coventry, has continued to grow in the last decade and will be challenged soon by Nissan, which is likely to divert output for export from its plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, into extra production for the UK as recession hits the Continent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Severn Trent reaches price deal with Ofwat

SEVERN Trent has followed Thames Water in agreeing a deal with Ofwat, the industry regulator, under which it will take on more risk for changes of trading circumstances in exchange for Ofwat relinquishing some discretion to vary its price limits between reviews.

At the same time, Severn Trent and Ofwat have agreed to move to a new combined licence covering customers of the recently acquired East Worcester Water. Under the agreement, the K factor price limit for 1994-5 will be a rise of 5.3% percentage points above retail price index inflation. This compares with the 5.5 per cent set at privatisation but only 3.6 per cent for 1993-4 after a voluntary one year abatement. Severn Trent shares dipped 5p to 487p in a generally weak water sector.

Thomas French ahead

PRE-TAX profits at Thomas French, the curtain styling and home improvements group, rose 142 per cent to £725,000 in the six months to April 3, 1993. Turnover rose 22 per cent to £7.5 million, and earnings per share jumped to 3.99p (1.47p). The interim dividend is held at 1.45p. The results were helped by a "good contribution" from the acquired British Tapes. The company said: "Sales for the first half continued to be affected by the UK recession, and, though signs of greater activity in the housing market are welcome, we have not experienced any significant rise in demand."

Boost for Rowlinson

HIGHER rental income has helped boost pre-tax profits at Rowlinson Securities, the property developer, to £722,000 (£631,000) in the year to end-March. This is after a writedown in the value of land amounting to £985,000. Rental income rose 7 per cent to £3.4 million, which is over double the interest charge. Earnings per share fell to 4.64p (5.44p) as a result of a higher tax charge. The total dividend payout for the year is 1.5p (1.35p). There is no final as Rowlinson paid a second interim of 1.26p on 5 April.

Land sales lift Bertam

BERTAM Holdings, the rubber and oil palm producer, boosted pre-tax profits to £7.2 million (£1.9 million) in 1992. The improvement was largely due to an exceptional gain of £5.6 million from land sales — chiefly the sale of 810 hectares of Bertam Estate to Bertam Properties. Operating profits rose to £1.1 million, from £673,000 last time. The group says palm oil prices remained firm in the first quarter of 1993, but have fallen recently. Rubber prices remain low. A final dividend of 2.50p makes a total of 5p (2.50p).

Bett back in black

BETT Brothers, the construction and hotels group, returned to profit in the six months to February, though it admits that it has not yet wholly resolved difficulties with property developments in the South. The interim pre-tax profit was £551,000, compared with a £9.9 million loss last time, and Bett is returning to the dividend list with a ½p payment. The interest charge was reduced from £1.3 million to £40,000. The company expects further progress in the second half. The shares responded with a 5p gain to 83p.

Conoco restructuring

CONOCO, the oil company, plans to shift its entire British exploration and production work to Aberdeen as part of a restructuring that is expected to involve job losses in London. Conoco employs 400 in Aberdeen on production operations, 450 in London, 250 in Warwick and 400 men offshore. Under the plan, announced to staff at meetings yesterday, most of the London jobs will move to Aberdeen, but some will go to Warwick, where Conoco's refining and marketing operations are based.

Rowe Evans trebles

ROWE Evans, which has interests in palm and rubber plantations in Indonesia and Malaysia, raised pre-tax profits in 1992 to £6.1 million, against £1.9 million. Palm oil prices maintained the improvement seen at the end of 1991. Trading profits jumped substantially from £938,000 to £2.4 million. In addition, Rowe benefited from a large increase in its share of associated undertakings' profits to £3.40 million (£1.04 million). Earnings per share increase to 9.63p from 2.71p, and the final dividend is doubled to 2p.

Pentos shows caution



TERRY Maher, right, chairman of Pentos, the stationery group, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the UK recovery "seems hesitant and anaemic". He said: "Pentos' retail business is showing a modest rate of sales growth which, on a comparable basis, is similar to the growth rate achieved last year." After two poor years in central London, sales since March have been much stronger, particularly for Dillons and Hatchards. The group's office furniture division is now in profit, due to cost cuts, after losses in the second half of last year.

Modest rise for ABI

RISING exports and improved sales of caravan holiday homes helped ABI Leisure to increase pre-tax profits marginally from £1.25 million to £1.27 million in the six months to February. Turnover rose to £29.1 million (£28.1 million). Sales of touring caravans made a smaller contribution and the company says changes in sales patterns should bring early improvements. An unchanged interim dividend of 1.25p will be paid and the board expects to keep the final dividend at 2.5p. The shares gained 2p to 85p.

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NIE share price set at 220p for sell-off

Shares in Northern Ireland Electricity will be priced at 220p, valuing the Ulster utility at £362 million when it is privatised next month.

About 800,000 people have registered with the share information office, including customers. The shares will be payable in two instalments, with a minimum down-payment of £100 for 100 shares.

The offer closes at 10 am on June 16. Prospectuses will be available from June 9 at all branches of Ulster Bank. In mainland Britain they will also be available at selected branches of NatWest Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland. The basis of share allocations will be announced on June 21, when stock market dealings will begin.

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Powell slips

Powell Duffryn, the ports, engineering, storage and fuel distribution conglomerate, saw operating profits rise from £32.9 million to £33.8 million in the year to March. However, the £9.1 million cost of eliminating unprofitable operations meant that pre-tax profits fell from £35.3 million to £21.6 million. The final dividend is maintained at 16p, making a total 22.6p.

Pilkington bid

Pilkington, the glass group, is making a joint bid with Techint Finanziaria, a privately-owned Italian/Argentinian industrial group, to acquire Societa Italiana Vetro, an Italian glassmaker, from the Italian state authorities. Pilkington shares were unchgaged at 134p.

Heads and tails

A swift antidote has already appeared for Tuesday's disappointing money figures that showed M0 falling 1.1 per cent during May. In the first week of the new monetary month, circulation of notes and coin, the main component of M0, sprang back to be 6.8 higher than a year earlier.



Have gun, will travel: Noel Davies, chief executive, says the AS90 howitzer is a strong contender for sales to the Kuwaiti and German armies

VSEL offers to complete work on Swan Hunter's frigates

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

VSEL has told the government that it could complete the three frigates being fitted out at the insolvent Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside and save the country millions of pounds by doing so.

In response to MoD enquiries, bosses of the Barrow-in-Furness yard, which is building Britain's Trident nuclear submarines, said they would be willing to take over the fitting out at Tyneside, but that the cost — £20 million to £30 million — could be substantially reduced if the ships were towed to Barrow.

Transferring the work would end centuries of shipbuilding on Tyneside and cost most of the 1,780 jobs remaining at the yard. But it would help stem the job losses at Barrow where the workforce has halved to 8,200 in the past four years, and where a further 3,000 jobs are expected to go.

The Vosper Thornycroft yard at Southampton is also believed to have signalled its willingness to take on the fitting out work.

Confirmation that the MoD is considering taking the ships elsewhere came as VSEL announced the long-expected closure of its Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside next month. The news accompanied financial results for the year to end-March that showed pre-tax profits at VSEL up 16 per cent to £55.6 million despite a fall in turnover to £442 million.

Progress on the Trident contract, the core of the yard's order book, has been good. The first boat, HMS Vanguard, has successfully completed sea trials, giving confidence in smooth progress on the final three vessels.

The yard has secured an order, believed to be worth £170 million, to build a helicopter carrier for the Royal Navy in partnership with Kvaerner Govan, on Clydeside. Deliveries of the AS90 self-propelled howitzer to the Army under a £300 million contract have begun.

The helicopter ship order takes VSEL back into surface ship construction and opens up the possibility of an ongoing collaboration with a commercial shipyard. Kvaerner will deliver a near-complete hull to Barrow for fitting out with military hardware. Successful completion of the contract should help the partners win follow-on orders for a pair of £250 million assault ships. It will give the yard credibility in bids for similar contracts overseas. But Noel Davies, VSEL's chief executive, said some of the company's best export opportunities now stem from successful trials of the AS90 howitzer in the United States. Although US manufacture under licence remains uncertain, the AS90 is a strong contender for the armies of Kuwait, Germany and several other countries, he said.

Despite a £180 million cash surplus at the year end, VSEL has no plans for an acquisition spree. The final dividend is 17p, making 29p for the year, up in line with profits.

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America urges OECD to aid market reform in Russia

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN PARIS

AMID rising hopes of a world trade agreement by the end of the year, the Clinton administration has urged the leading industrial countries to back a drive to stabilise and transform the Russian economy.

Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, issued Washington's appeal on the final day of the two-day annual meeting of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Paris. Then he flew to Moscow for a first-hand look at Russian privatisation and for discussions with Russia's leaders. At the OECD meeting, ministers argued over possible new members of the organisation, with Mexico and South Korea the front-runners.

Fearful that America's recovery is too weak to restore global growth, the Clinton administration sought at the OECD gathering to encourage Japan and the European Community to make greater efforts to foster world growth. But Japan made clear that it would not be pushed into fiscal stimulation packages or trade pacts it did not consider desirable.

The German response was delivered by the Bundesbank council. Despite first-quarter west German data showing an annual 3.2 per cent contraction in gross domestic product, the weakest performance since figures were started in 1968, the central bank left interest rates unchanged.

Günther Rexrodt, Germany's economics minister, said the figures indicated that the German recession was worse than those seen in the previous three decades. The OECD cut its growth forecast sharply for this year largely because of the German recession. It highlighted the need for greater efforts to encourage world growth and international trade and to undertake structural reforms to counter persistent and high unemployment in the industrialised world. The 24-nation OECD area faces 36 million unemployed next year.

Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, told reporters he planned talks next week with the Japanese to address Japan's huge trade surplus with America. On June 15-16, bilateral talks are foreseen with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner for external economic affairs, aimed at making progress on a world trade agreement ahead of four-sided talks with the Japanese and Canadians in Tokyo on June 22-23. The round of trade talks is intended to pave the way for agreement at the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo in early July.

All sides at the OECD meeting expressed the hope that the Uruguay Round of talks on trade liberalisation, which started in 1986, could be brought to a successful conclusion by the end of this year. That is considered crucial to world economic growth.

Japan and Australia underlined the importance to the world economy of the economies of the Asia-Pacific region. It is hoped that these will be brought into the OECD as fast as possible.

Mr Bentsen stressed the need to give priority to Russia. He said: "We must remember that Russia is undergoing the most dramatic economic transformation imaginable. It is the largest economy yet to attempt the shift to a market economy."

He said there were three key issues to success for Russia: halting inflation, aggressive privatisation and restructuring the economy.

Mr Kantor, commenting on the tit-for-tat sanctions against America announced by Brussels on Wednesday on telecommunications equipment worth about $5 million, said Washington was "not pleased". But he said the measures would have only a limited effect.

Hodder & Stoughton agrees to the Headline treatment

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

HODDER & Stoughton, one of the best-known names in British publishing, has agreed to a £48.94 million takeover bid by Headline Book Publishing.

Hodder, a 125-year-old private publisher whose list of authors includes John le Carré, Stephen King and James Clavell, is being offered 37.5 new Headline shares for each of its shares. The offer, for which there is a partial cash alternative, values each Hodder share at £108.75p. Headline is also raising £12.8 million through a four-for-nine rights issue of 5.3 million new shares at 240p a share to invest in the enlarged group.

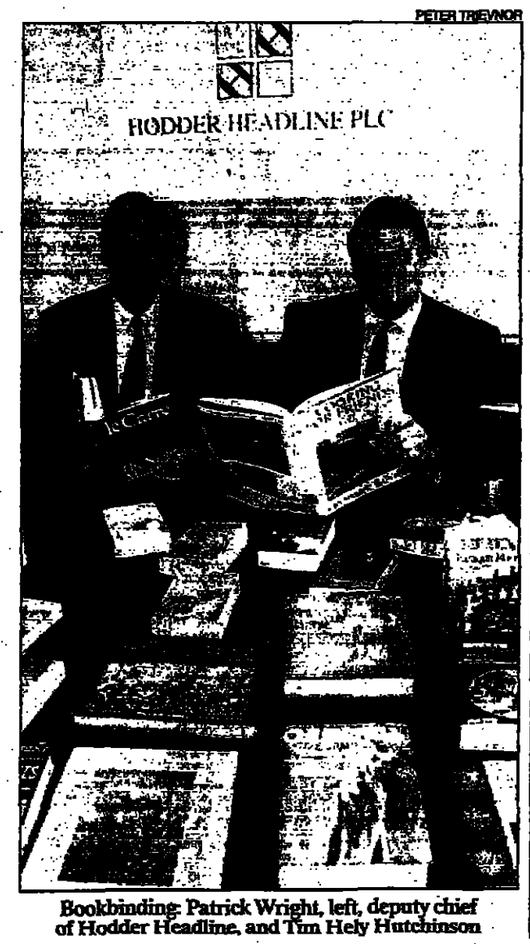
Tim Hely Hutchinson, group chief executive of Headline, said: "To be in the top league you have to have millions of pounds to pay authors advances." He said investment would also be strengthened in Hodder's "very profitable" academic and educational publishing activities.

The enlarged group will be renamed Hodder Headline. Irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer have been received in respect of 76.8 per cent of the share capital of Hodder & Stoughton.

In 1992, Headline made pre-tax profits of £2.05 million on turnover of £15.7 million.

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PETER TREVOR



Bookbinding: Patrick Wright, left, deputy chief of Hodder Headline, and Tim Hely Hutchinson

Dividend is held at MEPC

BY CARL MORTISHED

CITY gossips who gave warning of a large cash call at MEPC were temporarily silenced yesterday when Britain's second-largest property company announced better than expected results and a dividend held at 5.25p for the six months to March 31.

James Tuckey, managing director, said he was reasonably pleased. "We have not ruled out the option of accessing the capital markets," he added. Rental income rose from £158 million to £165 million but pre-tax profits for the period fell 10 per cent to £52.5 million with earnings per share off 2p at 10.4p.

MEPC sold £100 million of property in the six months, taking advantage of demand for well-let central London properties, and cut its borrowings of £1.2 billion at the year end. Cost of finance, including interest capitalised in developments, fell from £66 million to £62 million, improving interest cover from 1.6 to 1.7 times. But scope for further falls depends on more property sales. "Virtually all our debt is fixed rates," said Mr Tuckey.

Lettings improved the vacancy rate to 6.5 per cent from 8 per cent last year, mainly due to a 50,000 sq ft deal with the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan at Alban Gate in the City, now 80 per cent full.

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Societies told to lend cautiously

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies were given a warning yesterday that the Building Societies Commission wants to see more cautious mortgage lending. Rosalind Gilmore, chairman of the commission, told the annual conference of the Building Societies Association in Brighton that it will issue a prudential note to guide societies in their future lending, particularly on loans which are more than 90 per cent of the value of the property.

Under the proposals, societies would need higher capital backing for loans over 90 per cent of the value of a property. Currently they need this for loans above 95 per cent of the value. "Two years of falling house prices and high interest rates have driven home the danger of high loan-to-value lending. It is no longer possible to support certain more risky lending by morigage insurance guarantees in so certain and complete a way as before," Mrs Gilmore said. Societies will have to look more closely at whether the borrowers can afford the loans, she said.

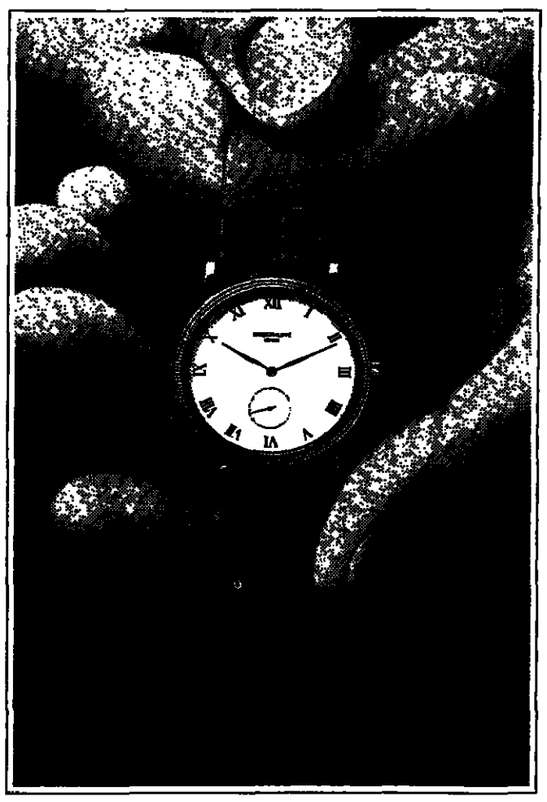
Mortgage lenders may also have to give an indication of what effect an interest rate rise could have on payments if changes recommended by Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of fair trading, go ahead. He is proposing simplification of consumer credit legislation, rather than adding to it. His office is carrying out a review of the Consumer Credit Act.

"I believe there is significant scope for deregulation here, without seriously reducing consumer protection. Indeed, simplification of the regulations could well enhance that protection, for instance, by ensuring documents are not cluttered with unnecessary material. "Simplifying the present requirements of the regulations would perhaps throw greater weight on the licensing system as the regulator's firm tool to ensure that high standards in the industry are adopted and maintained." He has therefore recommended to the trade department that no further regulation of credit marketing was necessary.

"As I have a wide discretion under the act as to what constitutes fitness to hold a licence, my existing powers provide great potential in countering objectionable practices in a more flexible way than detailed regulations. For example, I have recently used this approach against the use of negative option methods of selling credit protection insurance." This was a test case for the future as otherwise the prohibition of selling this insurance to customers who failed to tick a box on a loan application form, might have been subject to stamtory regulations, he said.

Sir Bryan has also recommended that small businesses should get protection under the Consumer Credit Act in respect of hiring agreements and loans under the act.

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STOCK MARKET

Laura Ashley share sale continues

SHARES in **Laura Ashley** firmed 3p to 114p as Sir Bernard Ashley, the former chairman, continued to reduce his involvement with the company his late wife founded 40 years ago.

Sir Bernard has sold a further 5 million shares at 108p, reducing his remaining interest in the company to 80 million shares, or 34.1 per cent. It is thought that Sir Bernard intends to cut his family holding to 25 per cent of issued share capital after his recent decision to step down as chairman.

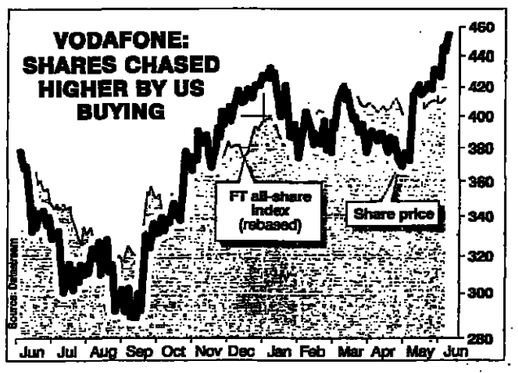
Sir Bernard has been selling shares in the company since 1991. A few weeks ago, he cashed in shares worth an estimated £32.4 million. This latest disposal, worth £5.4 million, takes the sum he has raised this year to £45.6 million.

The rest of the equity market began showing signs of running out of steam as brokers reported a lack of follow-through to news this week that the financier George Soros intends to invest £250 million in the property market via a joint venture with **British Land**, down 7p at 318p after going ex-rights.

Prices drifted lower for much of the session, on lack of support, but managed to close above the day's worst. The FT-SE 100 index, down more than 18 points at one stage, closed 10.2 down at 2,852.8. Turnover was again on the low side, with only 568 million shares traded.

Among leaders, **ICI** continued to make headway in its new slimmed-down form, ending 14p better at 687p; the shares started trading at 687p on Tuesday. **Zeneca**, however, failed to attract support, losing 8p at 626p, just 26p above the rights price.

Vodafone, the mobile telephone operator, continued to gain from this week's figures showing a big increase in connections. The news also had American investors chasing the price up. Vodafone ended the session 13p up at 456p as more than 9 million shares changed hands.



Hartstone, the hosiery and leather products group, finished 3p firmer at 41p. However, an announcement after the close of business last night disclosed evidence of irregularities and forced the company to issue its third profits warning in as many months. The directors are now investigating payments of £1 million made to employees of a subsidiary company during the past four years. Last week, the group gave warning that pre-tax profits would not be less than £9 million, but these payments could wipe a further £260,000 from the total.

Shares of **Creston** rose 3½p before being suspended at 18½p. The group has sold its entire holding of 5 million shares, or 7.2 per cent, in **Ex-Lands**, the property developer, for £1 million, to **London Financial and Investment**, ½p firmer at 23½p. Ex-Lands closed 3p firmer at 28p.

Scholes, the electrical products group, touched 128p before closing 3p down at 135p after it announced that bid talks with an unnamed party had broken down.

Sidlaw jumped 20p to 350p. Its oil service subsidiary has won a ten-year contract to supply logistics support for Amoco, the American oil company, in the North Sea.

Boots, the chemist, slipped 3p to 444p amid worries over losses at Do It All, its DIY joint venture with WH Smith. Last year, overall group pre-tax profits at Boots grew by 13 per cent to £406 million, but its share of losses at Do It All was £14 million.

Investment by Boots in its heart drug Manoplax also held back profits, cutting the contribution from the pharmaceutical division by 16 per cent to £108.5 million.

VSEL, the submarine maker, surged 26p to 795p after a better than expected 16 per cent rise in full-year pre-tax profits to £55.6 million. The final dividend of 20p, making 29p for the year, was also at the top end of expectations. The only bad news from the group came with confirmation that the Cammell Laird shipyard at Birkenhead would close next month with the loss of 900 jobs: attempts to find a buyer had ended in failure.

Powell Duffryn, down 7p at 548p, the transport group, failed to please with final figures revealing an unexpectedly sharp fall in full-year pre-tax profits from £35.3 million to £21.6 million. David Hubbard, chairman, said the performance was a staging post on the road to recovery.

Pentos, the Dillons bookshop and office furniture group, eased ½p to 53½p after Terry Maher, chairman, told the annual general meeting that he was continuing to take a cautious view of prospects.

MICHAEL CLARK

Securiguard was steady at 298p after rejecting a 270p-a-share offer from Rentokil. Alan Baldwin, chairman, described the bid as derisory and said that it significantly undervalued the group. A handful of institutions accounting for about 50 per cent of Securiguard are said to be looking for at least 350p a share.

Doeflex, the plastic materials group, jumped 12p to 147p, leading to speculation that it could soon be a bid target. In fact, the group has just completed a roadshow in which it gave a series of presentations to regional brokers and fund managers. The Doeflex management seems to have made a good impression.

BRITISH FUNDS

INVESTORS spent much of the day on the sidelines amid growing concern that the government may be poised to announce details soon of its next fund-raising exercise.

On the futures market, the September series of the long gilt rose three ticks to £104¾ in thin trading, with only 19,000 contracts completed.

The Bank of England was able to supply limited amounts of this week's issue of index-linked tranches totalling £250 million.

However, prices on the cash market spent a subdued afternoon, although prices were firmer for choice at the close. Brokers say that the cash market is starting to encounter resistance after the gains of the past couple of days.

In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed three ticks to £104⁷/₁₆. In shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was two ticks harder at £109²¹/₃₂.

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¹⁄₃₂	100¹⁄₃₂	Treas 12¾% 1993	100¹⁄₃₂	– ¹⁄₃₂	12.40	5.53
100¹⁄₃₂	99¹⁄₃₂	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.72
106¹⁄₃₂	103¹⁄₃₂	Treas 13¾ 1993	103¹⁄₃₂ †	...	13.25	5.51
102¹⁄₃₂	101¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.35	5.59
109¹⁄₃₂	106¹⁄₃₂	Treas 14¼% 1994	106¹⁄₃₂	...	13.64	5.55
109¹⁄₃₂	106¹⁄₃₂	Exch 13¾% 1994	106¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	12.64	5.51
105¹⁄₃₂	104¹⁄₃₂	Treas 10% 1994	104¹⁄₃₂ †	...	9.60	5.63
110¹⁄₃₂	107¹⁄₃₂	Exch 12¼% 1994	107¹⁄₃₂	...	11.60	5.78
105¹⁄₃₂	103¹⁄₃₂	Treas 9% 1994	104¹⁄₃₂	...	8.65	5.85
111¹⁄₃₂	108¹⁄₃₂	Treas 12% 1995	109¹⁄₃₂	...	11.00	6.11
96¹⁄₃₂	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95¹⁄₃₂	...	3.14	5.51
109¹⁄₃₂	107¹⁄₃₂	Exch 10½% 1995	107¹⁄₃₂	...	9.51	6.30
116¹⁄₃₂	113¹⁄₃₂	Treas 12¾% 1995	114¹⁄₃₂	...	11.17	6.40
120¹⁄₃₂	117¹⁄₃₂	Treas 14% 1996	117¹⁄₃₂	...	11.92	6.68
125¹⁄₃₂	121¹⁄₃₂	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¹⁄₃₂	...	12.50	6.79
120¹⁄₃₂	116¹⁄₃₂	Exch 13¼% 1996	116¹⁄₃₂	...	11.34	6.80
111¹⁄₃₂	108¹⁄₃₂	Conv 10% 1996	109¹⁄₃₂	...	9.13	6.83
122¹⁄₃₂	118¹⁄₃₂	Treas 13¼% 1997	119¹⁄₃₂	...	11.10	7.08
113¹⁄₃₂	110¹⁄₃₂	Exch 10½% 1997	111¹⁄₃₂	...	9.45	7.04
108¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8¼% 1997	105¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.25	7.04
132¹⁄₃₂	127¹⁄₃₂	Exch 15% 1997	128¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	11.70	7.35
112¹⁄₃₂	109¹⁄₃₂	Exch 9¼% 1998	109¹⁄₃₂	...	8.50	7.26
100¹⁄₃₂	99¹⁄₃₂	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	7.20	7.05
101	97¹⁄₃₂	Treas 6¼% 1998-00	98¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	6.84	7.03
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
138¹⁄₃₂	133¹⁄₃₂	Treas 15½% 1998	134¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	11.55	7.55
122¹⁄₃₂	118¹⁄₃₂	Exch 12% 1998	119¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.08	7.63
112¹⁄₃₂	108¹⁄₃₂	Treas 9½% 1999	109¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.71	7.47
134¹⁄₃₂	129¹⁄₃₂	Exch 12¼% 1999	129¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.15	7.73
117¹⁄₃₂	112¹⁄₃₂	Treas 10½% 1999	113¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.24	7.59
117¹⁄₃₂	112¹⁄₃₂	Conv 10½% 1999	113¹⁄₃₂ xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.08	7.65
110¹⁄₃₂	106	Conv 9% 2000	107¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.41	7.62
131	125¹⁄₃₂	Treas 13% 2000	126¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.28	8.03
115¹⁄₃₂	109¹⁄₃₂	Treas 10% 2001	111¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.97	7.96
129¹⁄₃₂	125¹⁄₃₂	Treas 14% 1998-01	125¹⁄₃₂ †	+ ¹⁄₃₂	11.14	7.87
114¹⁄₃₂	108¹⁄₃₂	Treas 9¼% 2002	110¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.42	8.09
103¹⁄₃₂	97¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2003	99¹⁄₃₂ xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.01	8.01
116¹⁄₃₂	109¹⁄₃₂	Treas 10% 2003	112¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.92	8.20
122¹⁄₃₂	116¹⁄₃₂	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	118¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.72	8.34
74¹⁄₃₂	62¹⁄₃₂	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	4.98	8.41
113¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Conv 9½% 2004	108¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.75	8.30
112¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Conv 9½% 2005	108¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.74	8.32
131¹⁄₃₂	124¹⁄₃₂	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.85	8.54
101¹⁄₃₂	94¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2002-06	97¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.21	8.34
125¹⁄₃₂	118¹⁄₃₂	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.71	8.51
104¹⁄₃₂	97¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2007	101¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.41	8.37
139¹⁄₃₂	131¹⁄₃₂	Treas 13¼% 2004-08	134¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	10.08	8.55
LONGS (over 15 years)						
108¹⁄₃₂	101¹⁄₃₂	Treas 9% 2008	105¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.56	8.39
99¹⁄₃₂	92¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2009	95¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.30	8.44
108¹⁄₃₂	100¹⁄₃₂	Conv 9% 2011	104¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.62	8.51
108¹⁄₃₂	100¹⁄₃₂	Treas 9% 2012	104¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.62	8.52
76¹⁄₃₂	70¹⁄₃₂	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¹⁄₃₂	– ¹⁄₃₂	7.47	8.24
97¹⁄₃₂	89¹⁄₃₂	Treas 7½% 2012-15	92¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.39	8.52
135¹⁄₃₂	125¹⁄₃₂	Exch 12% 2013-17	130¹⁄₃₂ xd	+ ¹⁄₃₂	9.19	8.76
105¹⁄₃₂	97¹⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2017	101¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.39	8.56
UNDATED						
46¹⁄₃₂	43¹⁄₃₂	Consols 4%	45¹⁄₃₂	– ¹⁄₃₂	8.65	...
42¹⁄₃₂	38¹⁄₃₂	War Ln 3½%	40¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.60	...
63	60¹⁄₃₂	Conv 3½%	61¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	5.68	...
31¹⁄₃₂	28¹⁄₃₂	Consols 2½%	30¹⁄₃₂ †	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.23	...
30¹⁄₃₂	27¹⁄₃₂	Treas 2½%	29	+ ¹⁄₃₂	8.62	...
INDEX-LINKED						
135¹⁄₃₂	131¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2% 1994	133¹⁄₃₂	...	...	1.35
197¹⁄₃₂	194¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2% 1996	196¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	2.00	2.79
109¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 4½% 1998	108¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	2.36	2.96
165¹⁄₃₂	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	2.91	3.26
163¹⁄₃₂	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.01	3.30
111¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 4½% 2004	110	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.13	3.41
170¹⁄₃₂	159¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½ 2006	168¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.13	3.36
154¹⁄₃₂	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.30	3.50
159¹⁄₃₂	148¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.37	3.55
131¹⁄₃₂	122¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.41	3.57
139¹⁄₃₂	130¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.48	3.61
133¹⁄₃₂	124¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.53	3.67
111¹⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.54	3.67
111¹⁄₃₂	103¹⁄₃₂	Treas IL 4¼% 2030	110¹⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂	3.55	3.69

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Sidlaw	350p (+20p)	Vodafone	456p (+13p)
VSEL	795p (+26p)	Sothebys	975p (+37p)
ERF	235p (+12p)	T French	74p (+12p)
Ranger	380p (+35p)	HSBC	623p (-11p)
Bilton	590p (+15p)	Smithkline	461p (-14p)
Chesterfield	370p (+10p)	Eurocamp	225p (-10p)
RMC Group	752p (+12p)	Blenheim Group	485p (-28p)
Cable Wireless	753p (+9p)	Gr Portland	193p (-12p)
Tilbury Douglas	558p (+11p)	Slough Estates	212p (-10p)
Nu-Swift	348p (+11p)	Tibbet & Britten	743p (-12p)
Doeflex	147p (+12p)		
ICI	687p (+13¹⁄₂p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	58	+1	RPC (125)	162	-3
Brunticliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...	Zeneca (600)	626	-8
China Inv Trust (100)	95	-1	RIGHTS ISSUES		
China Inv Warrants	51	...	Avon Rubber n/p (440)	47	-2
Division Group (40)	94	-3	BTP n/p (185)	57	-8
Drew Scientific (105)	135	+5	British Airways n/p (245)	53	-6
Inveresk (150)	169	-3	British Land n/p (245)	68	...
Irish Continental	160	...	Compass n/p (420)	73	-1
OGC (130)	124	...	Conrad Ritblat SG n/p (28)	14	...
Phonelink (155)	225	+7	Countryside Prop n/p (106)	19	-2
Pilkington Warrants	34¹⁄₂	...	Davenport Vern n/p (125)	10	...

WORLD MARKETS

Allstate's $2.1 billion sale helps push Dow down

New York — Wall Street shares were sharply lower at midday ahead of US unemployment rate data today. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.78 at 3,537.67. Alan Ackerman, of Reich and Co, said that the decline was partly due to Allstate raising $2.12 billion in a share issue.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed sharply lower amid worry over China's move to let its currency to float freely on some markets and fears about the effect on shares with exposure to China of a falling renminbi. The Hang Seng closed down 166.94, or 2.28 per cent, at 7,155.29.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares closed at the day's best on technical factors, with little reaction to the Bundesbank leaving loan rates unchanged. The Dax closed at 1,629.62, up 4.41.

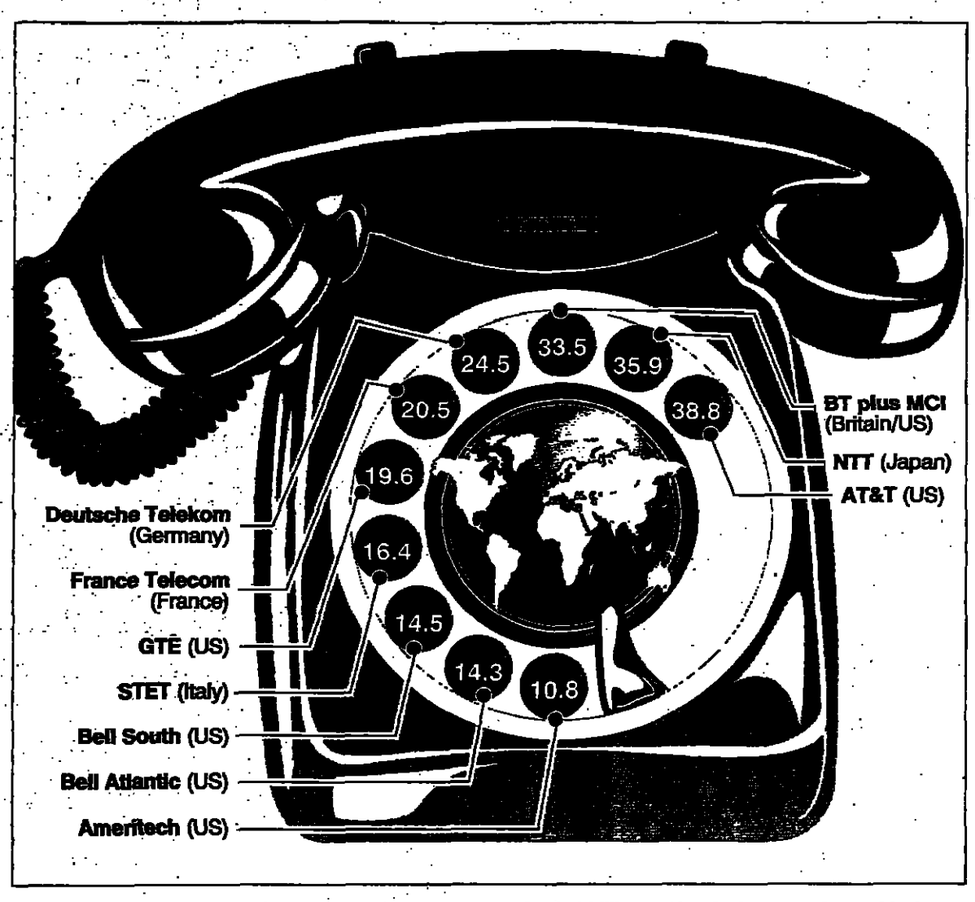
☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times index closed at 1,869.48, down 20.83, on profit-taking. *(Reuter)*

	June 3 midday	June 2 close
AMP Inc	61	61½
AMR Corp	71¼	72⅝
Abbott Labs	27⅛	27¼
Aetna Life	55⅛	55⅜
Ahmanson (H F)	18⅝	18⅝
Air Prod & Chem	43	43⅜
Albertson's	53⅜	54⅛
Alcan Aluminum	19⅝	19⅝
Allo Standard	50⅛	50⅜
Allied Signal	65⅛	65⅝
Allum Co of Am	69⅝	69⅝
Amax	22⅝	22⅝
Amerada Hess	54⅛	54⅛
Amer Brands	33⅜	33⅜
Amer Cyanamid	52⅛	52⅛
Amer El Power	35⅜	35⅜
Amer Express	28⅜	28⅜
Amer Cont Corp	30⅛	31¼
Amer Home Pr	66⅛	66⅜
Amer Intl	129⅜	130⅛
Amer Stores	42⅛	43
Amer T & T	61⅞	62
Amertech	72⅜	73⅛
Amoco	59⅛	59⅞
Anheuser-Busch	52⅝	53
Apple Computer	56⅜	57
Archer Daniels	24⅞	24⅞
Arida	9⅛	10
Armco	7⅞	7⅞
Armstrong Wrld	30⅝	30⅝
Asarco	20	19⅝
Ashland Oil	26⅜	26⅜
Atl Richfield	125⅞	125⅞
Auto Data Pro	49⅝	49⅝
Avery Dennison	30⅜	30⅜
Avon Products	55⅛	55⅛
Baker Hughes	29⅜	29⅜
Baltim Gas & El	24⅝	25⅛
Banc One	53⅛	53⅝
BankAmerica	44⅝	44⅝
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	72⅜	72⅜
Barnett Banks	46⅛	46⅛
Bausch & Lomb	52⅛	52⅛
Baxter Intl	29⅜	30⅛
Bectn Dickinson	37⅞	37⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅛	54⅛
BellSouth	53⅛	52⅞
Black & Decker	20⅛	21
Block (H&R)	35⅝	35⅞
Boeing	39⅜	39⅜
Boise Cascade	26⅞	28⅜
Borden Inc	20	20⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅜	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	51⅝	52⅜
CBS	249⅞	244⅝
CNA Financial	93⅜	92⅞
CPC Intl	62⅛	62⅝
CSX	71⅞	72⅛
Campbell Soup	59⅜	60
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Cpl Cities ABC	533	533
Cpl Holdings	38⅜	38⅜
Carolina Pwr	31⅛	31⅛
Caterpillar	72⅞	74⅛
Central & SW	32⅜	32
Champion Intl	33⅜	33⅝
Chase Manhat	30⅜	30⅜
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	88⅛	88⅝
Chrysler	46	45⅞
Chubb Corp	87	87
Cigna Corp	60⅛	60⅛
Cincorp	28⅛	28⅜
Circuit	48⅛	49⅛
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	41⅛	41⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅛	59⅝
Columbia Gas	24⅛	23⅞
Commonwe Ed	27⅜	27⅜
Compaq Comp	60⅛	59⅜
Comp Ass Int	38⅞	37⅝
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	34⅛	34⅛
Cons Nat Gas	32⅛	32⅝
Cons Rail	53⅞	54⅛
Cooper Inds	50⅛	50⅛
Corning Inc	34	34⅛
Crown Cork	38⅜	38⅝
Dana Corp	53	53⅛
Dayton Hudson	66⅛	66⅜
Deere	64⅛	63⅞
Delta Air Lines	57⅛	57⅛
Deluxe Corp	45⅝	46⅛
Detroit Edison	35⅛	35⅜
Digital Equip	43⅞	44⅛
Dillard Dept St	39⅞	41⅛
Disney (Walt)	43⅛	43⅝
Dominion Res	43	43⅛
Donelley (RR)	30	30⅛
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	58⅛
Dow Jones	29⅜	30⅛
Dresser	23⅛	23⅛
Duke Power	39	39⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅝	60
Du Pont	52⅛	52⅝
Eastman Kodak	50⅛	50⅝
Eaton Corp	89⅜	88⅝
Emerson Elec	61⅝	62
Engelhard Corp	16⅞	16⅞
Enron Corp	58⅝	58⅝
Entergy Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Ethyl Corp	23⅜	24⅛
Exxon	64⅛	64⅛
FMC Corp	45⅝	45⅝
FPL Group	37⅜	37⅜
Federal Express	49⅞	49⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	76⅛	76⅛
First Chicago	38⅜	37⅞
First Interstate	57⅞	58⅛
First Union Bkg	54⅛	54⅛
Fleet Fini Grp	30⅜	30⅜
Fluor Corp	41⅛	41⅝
Ford Motor	53⅛	53
GTE Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Gannett	51⅛	51⅛
Gap Inc Del	36⅛	36⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅜	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	99⅛	98⅝
Gen Electric	94	94
Gen Mills	65⅛	65⅝
Gen Motors	40⅝	40⅜
Gen Reinsurance	114⅝	114⅝
Gen Signal	48⅞	49⅛
Genuine Parts	37⅜	37⅜
Georgia Pac	64	63⅞
Gillette	51	51⅛
Glaxo ADR	18⅝	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	40⅜	41⅛
Grace (WR)	39⅝	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33⅜	33⅜
Great Wstn Fin	16	16⅛
Halliburton	43⅛	43
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	38
Hercules	25	25
Hershey Foods	51⅛	51⅛
Hewlett Packard	87⅛	89⅛
Hilton Hotels	55⅞	55⅞
Home Depot	45⅛	46⅞
Homestake Mng	18⅛	17⅞
Honeywell	37⅞	38
Household Intl	30⅞	30⅝
Houston Inds	44⅛	44⅛
Humana	12	12
ITT Corp	84⅛	84⅝
Illinois Tool	74	73⅞
INCO	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅞	35⅛
Inland Steel	25⅜	25⅛
Intel Corp	114⅛	114⅛
IBM	53⅞	53⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	116⅛	116⅛
Intl Paper	86⅛	86⅛
James River Va	23⅛	22⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43⅞	44⅛
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	51⅞	52⅛
Kerr-McGee	37⅛	37⅝
Kimberly-Clark	46⅛	46⅛
Knight-Ridder	55⅛	56
Lilly (Eli)	58⅜	58⅜
Limited Inc	24	24⅛
LIN Broadcstg	74⅛	74⅛
Lincoln Nat	76⅛	77⅛
Litton	58⅜	58⅛
Lt Cisilborne	33⅝	33⅞
Lockheed Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Louisiana Pac	66⅛	66⅜
MCI Commun	55⅛	54⅞
Marriott	26⅜	26⅜
Marsh & McLan	90⅝	90⅝
Masco Corp	31⅛	31⅛
May Dept St	23	24
Mayflag Corp	15⅜	15⅜
McCaw Cellular	43⅞	44⅛
McDonalds	51	50⅝
McDonnell D	67⅛	66⅞
McGraw Hill	58⅜	58⅜
Mead Corp	48⅜	49⅛
Medtronic	68⅝	68⅛
Mellon Bk	54⅛	53⅝
Melville Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Merck Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Merrill Lynch	78⅛	77⅞
Minnesota Mine	115⅛	115
Mobil Corp	70	70⅛
Monsanto	58⅜	59⅛
Morgan (JP)	66⅛	67
Motorola Inc	85⅛	84⅛
Nat Medical	9⅝	9⅝
Nat Semi	15⅛	15⅝
Nat Service Ind	26⅛	26⅛
Navistar Int	2⅝	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	30⅛	30⅜
NY Times A	28⅛	28⅜
Newmont Mng	51⅛	50⅜
Nlsp Mohawk	23⅛	23⅜
Nlsr B	73⅛	73⅜
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	28⅛	29⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	62⅛	63⅛
Nthn State Pwr	45⅛	45⅛
Norwest Corp	48⅛	49
Nynex Corp	84⅛	84⅜
Occidental Pet	22⅜	22⅝
Ohio Edison	24⅛	24⅛
Oracle Systems	44⅛	44½
Owens Corning	45⅝	45⅝
PNC Financial	31⅛	31⅛
PPG Industries	72⅛	72⅛
Pacific Inc	19⅛	19⅛
Pacificorp	17⅛	17⅛
Pac Enterprises	24⅛	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	19⅝	19⅝
Pac Telesis	28⅛	28⅛
Pall Corp	18	18⅛
Panhandle East	24⅛	24⅛
Paramnt Comm	39⅛	39⅛
Parker Hannifin	27⅛	27⅛
Pennzoil	75⅛	74⅞
Pepsico	40⅛	40⅛
Pfizer	75⅛	75⅛
Phelps Dodge	47⅛	47⅛
Philadel Elec	24⅛	24⅛
Philip Morris	84⅛	84⅛
Phillips Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Pitney Bowes	45⅝	45⅝
Polaroid	45⅛	45⅛
Price Co	38⅛	37⅞
Primerica	49⅛	49⅞
Procter & Gambl	89⅛	89⅛
Pub Serv E & G	33⅜	33⅜
Quaker Oats	23⅝	23⅝
Ralston Purina	45⅝	45⅝
Raytheon Corp	69⅛	69⅛
Rayhaem	58⅜	58⅜
Reebok Intl	39⅛	39⅛
Reynolds Metals	48⅜	48⅜
Rhodesn Stvcs	24⅛	23⅝
Rockwell Intl	12⅜	12
Rohm & Has	58⅛	58⅛
Royal Dutch	62⅛	62⅛
Rubbermaid	31⅛	31⅛
Saleon Corp	57⅜	57⅜
St Paul's Cos	81⅛	81⅛
Salomon Inc	32⅝	32⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	19⅜	19⅜
Sara Lee Corp	36⅛	36⅛
Scecorp	28⅛	28⅛
Schering Plough	65⅝	65⅝
Schlumberger	44⅛	44⅛
Scott Paper	38⅛	38⅛
Seagram	39⅝	39⅝
Sears Roebuck	55⅛	55⅛
Shell Trans	56⅛	57
Sherwin Wllms	31	31⅛
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	37⅛	37⅛
Southern Co	41	41⅛
Sthwestern Bell	38⅜	38⅜
Sprint Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Stanley Works	45⅛	45⅛
Sun Company	34⅝	34⅝
Suntrust	44⅜	44⅜
Supervalu	34⅛	34
Symbol Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Sysco Corp	28⅜	28⅜
TRW Inc	68⅛	68⅛
Tandem Comp	12⅛	13⅛
Tandy Corp	41⅛	41
Tektronix	37⅛	37⅛
Telecom Corp	14	14
Teledyne	20	19⅞
Temple Inland	65⅛	65⅛
Tenneco	49⅜	49⅜
Texaco	64⅛	64⅛
Texas Inst	67⅛	66⅞
Texas Utilities	46	46⅛
Textron	53⅛	54⅛
Time Warner	37⅛	38
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31⅛
Timken	31⅛	31⅛
Torchmark	55⅜	55⅛
Toys R Us	38⅛	38⅛
Transamerica	30⅝	30⅝
Travelers Corp	29⅜	29⅜

صكات الاجل

Chips are down as BT makes another play in world market

Iain Vallance won a small wager the day he unveiled BT's link with MCI. Ross Tieman says gambling on this venture puts him in the big league



Iain Vallance is already £10 better off thanks to BT's decision to invest $5 billion in developing the first global telecommunications partnership with MCI, America's second largest long-distance call company. The chairman of BT won the cash in a boardroom wager. The subject: the name of the first journalist to cast a shadow across BT's celebratory press conference by referring to McCaw Cellular, that other American investment from which BT is now withdrawing with a smear of yolk on its corporate chin. (For the record, it was the man from the Pink 'Un.)

And there's the rub. Will BT shareholders wind-up better off too? Or will the deal be all washed up in a year or three, as so oft before. BT's past forays into North America have been disappointing. It sold its stake in Mitel, the Canadian telecoms equipment manufacturer, last year at a $250 million loss. The $1.75 billion minority stake in McCaw, now sold to AT&T, America's biggest phone company, has done little more than cover its costs.

Reflecting upon the link-up yesterday, one of the City's most respected telecoms analysts remained cautious. "It is the least-bad deal that BT could have done, but the burden of proof is upon BT to show that they can get it right. Their track record on overseas acquisitions has not been very good."

Minority stakes in Mitel and McCaw left BT with insufficient management control, he says. "The companies tended to use BT as a bank. The market is not yet convinced that BT has done enough to prevent that happening again." On the other hand, he says, MCI is a well-run company with an impressive growth record in a highly competitive market. Perhaps the omens are better than in the past.

Understanding BT's motivation is simple enough. Old-fashioned national telecoms monopolies are crumbling beneath the pressures of technological change and government deficits. Companies like BT are seeking to position themselves to survive in a market place that is becoming increasingly international and competitive.

Thank the silicon chip, rising prosperity, and the internationalisation of business. The amount of voice and data communication flowing through the world's telephone lines is growing like topsy.

The chip has expanded the market and revolutionised the phone business. Chips can switch calls in and out of different networks, adding up the minutes and seconds into individual bills as they do so. The chip has destroyed the technical constraints that made telecoms a natural monopoly. The equilibrium of state control has been unbalanced. More and more governments are giving up the struggle to keep pace in this tumultuous world and cashing in their stake to pay down their burgeoning debts. They are also being forced to legislate for a liberalised telecoms regime.

Britain set the pace in 1984 when it began privatising British Telecom and licensed Mercury to act as a competitor. That year, MCI won a court case that triggered the break up of the Bell telephone company in America into a group of regional monopolies. Customers making long distance calls, can now choose their carrier.

For nine years, MCI has waged a spirited war against AT&T, America's dominant carrier. Helped by roaring market growth, it has captured 18 per cent of America's long distance and international call market, paring AT&T back to 61 per cent, with Sprint, part of the US group GTE, in third place with a mere 9 per cent. In the process, MCI has built its annual revenues to $10.6 billion, earning pre-tax profits last year of $963 million.

> 'It is the least-bad deal that BT could have done, but the burden of proof is upon BT to show that they can get it right.'

This is the company BT has chosen as a partner as global competition moves from possibility to reality. With joint revenues of $33.5 billion, they can claim to be the world's third largest force in telecommunications, just behind NTT of Japan, and within sight of AT&T, the world's number one.

This is the deal: MCI has issued new shares equal to 4.9 per cent of its capital, which BT has bought for $830 million, a 20 per cent premium to the market price. Assuming regulatory hurdles can be overcome, BT will take its stake to 20 per cent, for $4.3 billion in total, when the deal is done next year. MCI will acquire most of BT's businesses in North America. In a second stage, MCI will establish a subsidiary called, temporarily, Newco, which will be owned 75 per cent by BT, 25 per cent by MCI. The partners will invest $1 billion in the venture. Its goal: to act as a single supplier of telephone services to multinational companies. A third partner, from the Far East, is likely to be sought in due course. Customers will not even know they are dealing with Newco. Newco will use clever switches to set up "virtual networks" for individual multinational customers on the wires of its parent partners. These will be provided under contract to the parent companies. Together, the new partners have carved up the world. MCI will sell Newco services in north, south and central America and the Caribbean. BT takes the rest of the world.

The multinational business market is the honeypot bringing phone companies together. AT&T is seeking a European partner to join its co-operative arrangement with Singapore Telecom and Kokusai Denshin Denwa of Japan. France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom are casting around in global markets too. Sprint, the third largest US long distance carrier and through GTE number ten in the world league table, has thrown in its lot with Alcatel of France, the world's largest telecom equipment maker.

In such a melée, it is hard to be sure that today's deal will be appropriate for tomorrow's market place. With Mitel, BT moved into the equipment industry. That proved a mistake. With McCaw, it moved into American cellular telephony. Not now such a good idea. Everywhere in the world telecommunications is an industry where companies are shielded from competition by licensing arrangements that governments continue to deploy in the interests of their national champions. Mistakes are easy to make.

The market for multinational virtual networks is expected to top $5 billion within a few years. It is at the forefront of the deregulation drive. Dominant utilities in Britain and America, such as BT and AT&T, see overseas expansion as a way to escape regulatory constraint in their domestic markets.

But in the rush to serve business clients, there is a danger. Cherry-picking overseas markets may promise fatter profits for BT than careful husbandry of its own back yard. But it also carries more risks.

Investors, now being wooed to buy the government's remaining 21.9 per cent stake in BT next month, should understandthat this is no longer a secure regulated utility.

But there is a second risk. In the coming decade, silicon chips will change the lives of BT's 18 million private customers too. Individually, they may lack the spending power of the multinationals; collectively, they may ultimately offer far greater profit potential.

REVIEWS

Stronger medicine needed

IF BOOTS hoped its results would prove the tonic its sluggish share price needed, then it may be disappointed. The group needs a stronger prescription to dispel concerns over its long-term prospects.

The chemist chain continues to forge ahead, managing a healthy increase in profit despite little physical expansion, but Boots does not appear able to translate its considerable skills in this area to its other retailing operations. Together these other businesses made losses of £3.4 million on turnover of £872 million. Investment in systems, one of Boots' traditional strengths, has seen a £14.2 million improvement at Halfords finally pulling the chain out of the red. However, margins remain at a derisory 1.4 per cent.

Despite all its retailing wisdom — and indeed that of WH Smith — it cannot stifle losses at Do It All. Shareholders can only hope this is the nadir for the DIY chain, now that its market share has finally stabilised. Nevertheless, it is going to be a long haul back to profitability — assuming Boots stays the distance rather than selling out.

Given the management time — and money — needed by these operations, the price pressure at Boots itself and its possible impact on margins are worrying. The chemist chain has long been a huge cash-generator, providing funds for the development of other parts of the group. It has also been behind the hundreds of millions sunk into Manoplax. However, it is unlikely the group will ever see a positive return on that investment.

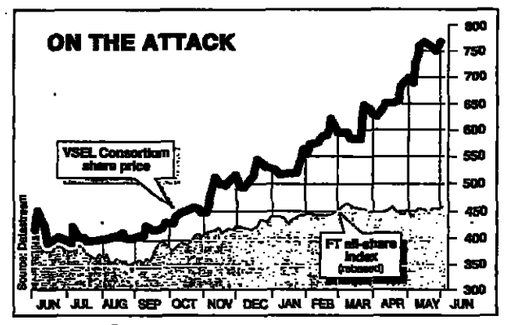
If Boots really wanted to perk up its share price, it probably could not find a better way than selling its pharmaceuticals business.

VSEL

VSEL stands at its highest earnings rating in years, yet on a price/earnings ratio of less than 8 at 795p, the company must be wondering whether this is really a cause for celebration. The niggardly rating reflects trepidation over a company operating in the declining defence industry, with one major customer (the Ministry of Defence) and, until recently, dependent solely on nuclear submarines. These fears are not wholly justified.

Although Trident continues to be the backbone of VSEL, the successful tender for the Royal Navy's amphibious helicopter carrier marks the company's return to surface shipbuilding. The market still suffers from overcapacity but the demise of Swan Hunter may provide new opportunities. Whatever the difficulties, the order is a welcome development as the Navy is unlikely to require many more submarines before the end of the decade. The group will also undoubtedly profit from the expertise of its partner in the carrier contract, Kvaerner Govan, which has considerable experience in civil shipbuilding — a potential area of future expansion for VSEL. The group's AS90 howitzer also has promising prospects particularly in export markets such as Germany, Kuwait and the US, which would broaden VSEL's to-date limited customer base.

With its core Trident programme still on schedule — and within budget — the shares should go further.



Headline

HEADLINE'S merger with Hodder & Stoughton could come straight out of a textbook itself. Headline has the cash and the financial discipline, Hodder has the titles.

With a backlist that includes best-selling authors such as Stephen King and John Le Carré, Hodder has an asset that would have taken Headline years to develop. In publishing, the backlist is where the money is made. Net margins on these titles can exceed 30 per cent whereas new books may offer only 3 per cent as all costs, such as commissioning, and even setting up printing plates are charged against first year sales.

Hodder's backlist of over 5,000 titles is worth around £20 million compared with Headline's £3 million.

A glance at both companies' financials leaves investors in no doubt as to which one could manage this potential pot of gold more profitably. Hodder made pre-tax profit of only £1 million on sales of £55.6 million in 1991-2; Headline made £2 million on sales of £16 million. In the first year, however, the deal will dilute earnings as the costs of the merger are absorbed. In the long run, with cost-savings of about £4 million to come on top of the benefits of the backlist, shareholders should see a healthy return.

Norcros

NORCROS' cash call largely fills the hole left by write-downs and losses from property investment but its shareholders cannot blame current management, which has been trying to recoup the capital sunk into real estate in the 1980s.

Norcros has the right products to benefit from a recovery in the housebuilding sector and its record in cutting operating costs is impressive. Staff numbers have been reduced by almost a third since 1990 but production capacity has been maintained. In theory, all the company needs to boost the bottom line is growth in sales; more transactions in the housing market should generate demand for its products.

This is already discounted in the share price. A historic price-earnings ratio of 34 is demanding. The setback in ceramics and printing was unexpected and a return to profits in its doors and curtain walling business is not forecast until 1994.

NIE

MONEY has talked louder than the City's verbal attempts to secure a radically higher yield on Northern Ireland Electricity than mainland electricity distribution shares.

The 5.8 per cent yield at the 220p offer price still offers a useful income premium. There will now surely be more emphasis on the higher medium-term potential for earnings and dividend growth and the stability of NIE's regulatory regime up to 1997.

These advantages will not be lost on canny local investors. The relative illiquidity of a utility stock valued for sale at £360 million also cuts both ways. Some big institutions will not bother with it. Those that do may have to be prepared to bid up the price to secure much of a stake.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Chairmen only need apply

FOR better or worse, corporate golf on the Japanese model is about to hit London. The Jack Nicklaus-built 36-hole London Golf Club — due to open in September and actually standing on 560 Kentish acres near Brands Hatch — is the brain child of golf-mad Japanese businessman, Masao Nagahara, and it shows. Costing £40 million to construct, the club has already been earmarked by the European PGA for tour events after 1995. It contains everything the well-heeled golf fanatic could ask for including indoor and outdoor spa pools, a *Teppanyaki* bar and the obligatory helicopter landing pad. Tour professional Peter Mitchell has been signed up to represent the club on a three year contract worth £100,000 and one of the country's best known golf coaches, Paul Foston, has been poached as club professional from neighbouring West Malling Golf Club. Now the bad news. The cost of membership is a cool £21,507.92, including a £16,000 debenture, joining fee and vat. Corporate membership is also available. Giving the club added prestige are a list of honorary members that read like *Who's Who*, including Sir Paul Girolami, chairman of Glaxo, Lord Prior, chairman of GEC, Lord Young, chairman of Cable and Wireless, Sir Denis Thatcher, deputy chairman of Attwoods, and his fictional pen-pal Lord Deedes, former editor of *The Daily Telegraph*. The rest of us will just have to

Sayonara Nomura

NOMURA International, the ever more Japanese London-based subsidiary of Nomura Securities, has appointed a new president. Takashi Tsutsui, 43, the deputy president since January 1992, replaces Taizo Kondo, who leaves to become head of the Asia and Oceania division, chairman of Nomura International (Hong Kong) and chairman of Nomura (Singapore). Unlike his successor, Kondo is also a director of Nomura Securities and the move widens His international experience. The new president joined Nomura Securities from university in 1974, and has held posts in syndication, personnel, research and sales. He moved to London in June 1991 and became deputy president in January 1992. A family man who enjoys golf and tennis, he will work alongside chairman Koichi Kane.

Come on you Blues

AN AVID Chelsea fan ended up £20,000 richer after a £1.20 bet by putting his money where his heart was when picking the first three horses home in the Derby. In a "trio" bet the punter correctly said Blues Traveller, Blue Judge and Commander in Chief would share the first three places in the classic. He chose the first two because Chelsea play in a blue strip and Commander in Chief because he believes the reports that the vacant manager's seat at Stamford Bridge is about to be filled by Swindon manager Glenn Hoddle. "Nice work if you can get it," said a spokesman for Ladbrokes, which had to pay out on the winning bet.

Ellen rides again

THE executive search world was out in force at Dunsfold Ryse Horse Trials held at Chiddingfold on bank holiday Monday (City Diary, May 28). Head hunter Russell Reynolds sponsored the Executive Bridge at fence 11, while Campbell Brennan, an international off-shoot of Russell Reynolds, was featured a field away at fence six. Christened the Campbell Brennan Carrot, the fence contained an inviting vegetable garden stocked with fresh carrots, onions and potatoes which fortunately did not prove irresistable to the horses. "Only one horse stopped to have a sniff," says Ellen Brennan, a founder of Campbell Brennan. A record number of spectators and competitors turned out and Brennan was sufficiently inspired to announce that she will be back next year — as a competitor.



WENDY VARLEY

Nominees plans ends voting rights

From Dr John Notley

Sir, In the correspondence so far on a replacement for Taurus, and indeed, in the original version, much emphasis has been placed on private shareholders being required to hold their shares through nominee accounts. The most obvious difficulty for the private shareholder of holding shares through a nominee account is the disenfranchisement which it entails — you lose your voting rights.

For some of us, "owning" the company, having a say in its policy, and who the directors are, is an important facet of being a shareholder. In practice, nominees fail to pass on shareholder specific information or make an extra charge for so doing. For example, I would not put my privatised National Power shares into a single company PEP (in which the shares are registered in the nominee's name) because the charges for sending on the voting papers etc, exceed the tax saving; and when the dollar premium was abolished years ago, I took some INCO shares from a nominee who never sent on shareholder specific material, and re-registered the shares in my own name. I now get those communications and AGM voting papers without fail (and don't have to pay a nominee for doing precious little).

I ask myself if the Stock Exchange and companies really want private shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NOTLEY,
12 Edgerton Court,
Tadcaster,
North Yorks.

Crisp note on nuts

From Mr Peter R Davies

Sir, Mr Alister Percy (Letters, May 27) should give the Inland Revenue an estimate of the nuts and crisps dispensed at his hotel three years ago. He should add a footnote "in arriving at the figure similar methods have been deployed as those which provide H M Treasury with its financial estimates".

Yours faithfully,
PETER R DAVIES,
Abbot's House,
Abbey Street, Reading.

TV times

From Mr Douglas Brown

Sir, Shareholders of Yorkshire TV will have noted (Letters, May 28) the assurances of the in-house publicity department that Mr Clive Leach "will be... ultimately responsible... for the two subsidiaries...."

But what about the good news?

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS BROWN,
Maidford,
Malmesbury.

Tax code?

From Mr John Parfitt

Sir, You report (May 26) that depositors in the failed BCCI are claiming damages from the Bank of England and "calling on John Major to bring a speedy end to the litigation". Is that code for demanding taxpayers' money to go away: if not, what is it?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PARFITT,
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-do- Inc	343.30	365.30†	- 1.30	3.73
Gilt/Fxd Int Act	174.00	185.70	+ 0.30	6.07
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Nth America	253.00	271.30†	- 0.50	
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Exempt	82.82	84.90	+ 0.62	3.60
German Growth	55.72	59.36	+ 0.01	0.70
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Global Bond	28.48	30.31†	+ 0.01	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.97	56.65	- 0.07	4.06
-do- Inc	38.45	41.12	- 0.05	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	90.71	97.01	+ 0.20	1.35
-do- Inc	83.37	89.17†	+ 0.19	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.03	61.00	+ 0.05	
-do- Inc	55.97	59.86	+ 0.05	
Euro Gth Acc	100.76	107.78	+ 0.05	1.07
-do- Inc	99.38	106.28	+ 0.05	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.69	37.10	+ 0.03	1.31
Pacific Growth	102.22	109.33	+ 1.31	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.98	91.96	+ 0.09	0.67
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Managed P folio Inc	94.22	100.30	+ 0.28	1.98
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Far East	48.77	52.44	- 0.17	0.15
North American	84.00	90.28	+ 0.20	
Global	84.52	90.40	+ 0.18	0.73
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Far East Gen	68.88	73.28	+ 1.41	
-do-Acc	68.88	73.28	+ 1.41	
Glentrust	251.70	267.80	+ 0.80	0.69
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Growth	377.10	403.40	+ 0.10	2.26
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Euro Gth	80.23	85.42	+ 0.29	1.32
Far East Growth	92.48	98.97	+ 1.04	0.13
Global Bond	23.44	24.70	+ 0.06	6.06
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Intl Growth	74.30	79.30	+ 0.45	0.98
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Japan Smlr Cos	36.55	39.00	+ 1.13	
Japan Index	82.16	87.68	+ 2.04	0.22
Nth American	428.50	458.30	+ 3.50	0.94
Pacific Growth	85.13	90.83†	+ 1.50	
The Footsie Fd	105.80	111.70†	- 0.40	2.75
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071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.86	87.45†	- 0.18	1.00
European P folio	72.05	76.65	- 0.04	1.38
Japanese P folio	68.40	72.69	+ 1.41	
Pacific P folio	98.88	105.19	- 0.27	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.08	76.03	- 0.12	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.53	67.06	- 0.11	3.00
Utility & Bond	49.42	50.10	- 0.14	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	+ 1.80	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	+ 1.10	9.42
Deposit	5.60			
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	590.90	598.50	+12.76	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2352.7	+27.47	
Fxd Int Inc	5.55			
Fxd Int Acc	124.45	124.64	+ 0.48	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	+ 1.46	
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 Wilne Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assocs	62.45	66.74		2.30
Beckwood Intl	79.67	84.12		1.61
Friars Hse Inc	175.04	188.22		6.18
Friars Hse Cap	244.34	262.73		2.77
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon				
CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9815				
Smaller Cos	36.27	38.58	+ 0.06	1.78
-do- Acc	40.86	43.47	- 0.07	1.78
Wrlde Bd				
-do- Acc				
Wrlde Sp Sits	57.26	61.34	+ 0.17	0.12
-do- Acc	59.56	63.81	+ 0.19	0.12
Quilter	131.86	139.31	- 0.72	2.41
-do- Acc	135.00	143.62	- 0.80	2.41
Quilter Income	93.23	99.18	- 0.34	3.51
-do- Acc	114.90	122.23	- 0.39	3.51
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.17	92.17	+ 0.01	5.29
-do-Acc	92.17	92.17	+ 0.01	5.29
Fixed Contr	39.29	41.80†	+ 0.02	7.24
-do-Acc	104.13	110.78	- 1.64	7.24
Equity Inc	144.52	153.75	- 0.35	2.84
-do- Acc	463.94	493.55	- 1.13	2.84
Preference	47.43	50.46	- 0.04	7.26
-do- Acc	343.34	365.17	- 0.22	7.26
FPT Europe	147.72	157.15	- 0.22	0.95
FPT Mthly Inc Plus	46.81	49.80	- 0.34	7.89
FPT Global Bond	82.04	87.21	+ 0.17	5.57
FPT Gold Com	57.07	60.71	- 0.02	
FPT Oriental Gth	95.13	98.86	+ 0.20	0.49
FPT Far East Gth	106.41	113.20	+ 0.20	0.19
FPT High Yield	114.10	121.38	- 0.63	4.74
-do-Acc	438.07	466.09	- 2.38	4.74
FPT Managed	61.18	65.09		3.37
-do-Acc	54.88	58.37		3.37
FPT UK General	67.08	71.36	- 0.38	2.54
-do-Acc	81.40	86.60	- 0.47	2.54
FPT Japan	121.66	129.43	+ 2.20	
FPT N Amer	148.69	158.05	- 0.12	0.06
FPT UK Gth	116.99	124.46	- 0.79	1.87
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 5777 555				
Ordinary Gth Acc	80.51	85.65	- 0.18	0.91
Japanese Acc	65.28	69.45	+ 1.47	
UK Balncd Inc	124.70	132.70†	- 0.60	2.53
-do- Acc	147.10	156.50†	- 0.70	2.53
UK Growth Acc	206.10	219.30†	- 0.60	2.20
UK High Inc	130.60	138.90†	- 0.20	6.35
-do- Acc	157.70	167.80†	- 0.20	6.35
N America Acc	110.80	117.90†	- 0.60	0.33
European Acc	153.10	162.90		0.43
UK Fxd Int Inc	99.11	62.70†	+ 0.11	9.01
-do- Acc	96.96	102.80†	+ 0.10	9.01
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.24	51.32	+ 0.46	0.22
Envtronmntl Opp	71.21	75.76†	- 0.13	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace,				
Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1800				
American	109.88	116.70	+ 0.40	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	198.30	211.10†	+ 0.30	1.18
Extra Inc	97.15	99.35	+ 0.03	4.87
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.60	- 0.10	3.09
Growth Inc	212.10	225.40	- 0.40	3.77
High Dist	140.70	149.50†	- 0.10	5.18
International	318.40	338.50	+ 0.50	0.06
Intl Income	79.88	85.25		3.05
Pacific	58.00	61.63	+ 0.39	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	76.37	81.14	+ 1.30	
Tokyo	214.30	227.70	+ 4.80	
Japan Exempt	121.10	124.40	- 2.30	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	+15.70	0.08
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.00	127.50		1.10
Australia	6.976	7.142	-0.011	1.10
Equity	186.60	198.30	- 0.40	3.53
Euro Spec Sits	140.80	149.60†	+ 0.20	0.53
Financial	39.74	42.22	+ 0.04	2.85
Global Opps inc	88.66	94.20	+ 0.38	2.13
-do- Acc	91.90	97.64	+ 0.40	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	48.31	51.33	- 0.29	0.84
-do- Acc	92.73	98.53	- 0.55	0.84
Income	119.50	127.00	+ 0.20	3.86
Japan General	165.70	176.10	+ 3.00	
Preference	21.64	22.99†	- 0.01	7.91
UK Capital	102.80	109.20	- 0.10	3.08
Worldwide Cap	197.30	209.60		3.05
World Income	83.95	89.20	+ 0.16	3.34
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
61 Hamlington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	175.20	186.90	+ 1.80	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Wellens St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW				
0296 431488				
Pelican	103.09	109.46	- 0.49	3.21
High Income	118.51	124.79†	- 0.68	4.81
Tst of Inv Trsts	144.23	151.82	- 0.03	2.07
Special Sits	84.62	89.28	+ 0.03	2.63
North American	102.49	107.88	- 0.11	0.85
Far Eastern	246.85	259.84	+ 0.59	1.40
Intl Growth	94.26	99.22	- 0.18	1.57
Smaller Cos	70.13	73.82	- 0.02	2.09
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 320 707				
United Charities	217.60	231.40†		3.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge				
TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00		5.30
European Tst	118.80	126.40	+ 0.50	
High Income	24.88	26.18†		5.77
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London				
EC3A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	90.06	96.12	- 0.05	0.86
Far Eastern	139.70	148.50	+ 0.20	
Gross Income	86.32	92.34	+ 0.12	2.82
UK Growth	94.44	101.00	- 0.20	0.95
UK Income	98.86	105.77	- 0.20	3.46
US Smaller Cos	242.80	259.70	+ 0.90	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3YT				
071 247 4700				
Amer Gth	48.81	51.87	+ 0.08	
-do- Acc	48.81	51.87	+ 0.08	
Am Smlr Co	418.40	447.40	+ 1.20	
-do- Acc	427.40	457.10	+ 1.20	
Capital	289.20	307.60	+ 0.30	2.07
-do- Acc	402.70	428.30	+ 0.30	2.07
Cont Smlr Cos	47.78	51.53†	+ 0.12	0.66
-do- Acc	49.94	53.86†	+ 0.13	0.66
Convertible	111.30	122.80	+ 0.14	5.04
-do- Acc	233.80	257.40	+ 0.30	5.90
Emrg Mark	50.35	53.79	+ 0.11	
-do- Acc	50.35	53.79	+ 0.11	
European	98.30	101.99	+ 0.05	0.88
-do- Acc	99.12	105.50†	+ 0.10	0.88
Extra Income	291.30	309.70	- 0.20	4.00
-do- Acc	407.80	433.70	- 0.20	4.00
Financial	102.30	109.00†		0.75
-do- Acc	107.10	115.00†		0.75
Gilt Gth Tst	60.20	63.11	+ 0.15	6.88
-do- Acc	77.83	80.26	+ 0.17	6.88
Health Fund Inc	116.70	124.60	+ 0.80	
-do- Acc	116.70	124.60	+ 0.80	
Income Tst	175.20	186.30†	+ 0.30	3.90
-do- Acc	248.30	264.10†	- 0.30	3.90
Intl Growth	315.30	336.60	+ 1.10	
-do- Acc	350.10	373.70	+ 1.20	
Japan Gen	185.70	198.70	+ 3.00	
-do- Acc	185.60	198.70	+ 3.00	
Mngd P folio Inc	90.12	94.86	+ 0.07	0.91
-do- Acc	94.74	99.72	+ 0.08	0.91
Monthly Income	150.20	159.70	+ 0.40	3.97
Grtr Inc	48.61	51.70†	+ 0.04	5.91
-do- Acc	48.72	51.82†	+ 0.04	5.91
Recovery	293.00	313.30	+ 0.40	0.61
-do- Acc	343.10	366.90	+ 0.40	0.61
UK Growth	46.58	49.78	- 0.22	2.56
-do- Acc	46.58	49.78	- 0.22	2.56
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411 632				
Equity Distr	343.64	368.57†	- 1.04	2.86
-do- Acc	702.40	747.29†	- 2.13	2.86
Fixed Int Distr	127.42	134.83†	+ 0.38	6.50
-do- Acc	216.86	229.38†	+ 0.64	6.50
Intl Gth Distr	76.84	81.75†	+ 0.58	0.73
-do- Acc	77.77	84.68†	+ 0.59	0.73
Nth Amer Distr	165.42	175.23	+ 1.61	0.82
-do- Acc	179.39	190.08	+ 1.53	0.82
Pac Basin Dist	249.26	264.17	+ 1.31	0.09
-do- Acc	253.20	268.36	+ 1.33	0.09
Stewardship Dist	329.00	348.74	+ 0.91	1.73
-do- Acc	359.00	380.91†	+ 0.99	1.73
Smlr Cos Dist	63.86	67.94†	+ 0.31	3.40
-do- Acc	78.85	83.88†	+ 0.39	3.40
N Am Smlr Dist	95.45	101.54	+ 0.74	
-do- Acc	103.97	107.41	+ 0.79	
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 5 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M				
4YZ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	147.30	157.30	- 0.13	1.05
European	404.90	430.50	+ 2.00	0.98
Far East General	227.20	243.00	- 1.90	0.10
Germany	95.57	101.10		0.45
Global Assets In	67.78	72.38†	- 0.26	2.75
Global Assets Ac	71.67	76.53	- 0.05	2.18
Income Inc	121.70	130.30	+ 0.40	6.76
International	269.40	288.50	+ 1.20	0.97
Intl Income	74.58	79.43†	+ 0.06	5.02
Japan General	377.90	401.60	+ 3.50	
Ordinary Gth Inc	80.51	85.65	- 0.18	0.91
UK Capital Inc	166.60	178.20	+ 2.80	3.88
-do- Acc	275.00	304.90	+ 4.90	3.68
Ut Spec Sits	75.60	80.86	+ 0.35	1.57
US General	115.50	122.70†	+ 0.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	117.00	125.03	+ 0.70	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street,				
London EC3R 8LJ. 071 626 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Service: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.90	46.95	- 0.08	1.53
Cash Trust*	128.81	128.81	+ 0.02	4.99
Pract Inv Inc	102.24	109.64		2.88
-do- Acc	219.48	235.37		3.88
UK Smaller Cos	101.09	108.41	+ 0.21	0.94
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.51	27.28		7.95
High Inc Acc	31.22	33.39	+ 0.02	4.97
UK Equity Inc	126.59	135.39	- 0.56	3.94
Global Bond	29.13	30.18	+ 0.04	4.77
International Funds				
Gold Intl	83.20	88.22†	- 1.43	0.65
Frontier Markets	40.66	43.59	- 0.11	0.39
Global Inc Gth	117.09	124.92	- 0.17	1.91
UK Intl	112.25	120.05	- 0.29	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	125.87	134.28†	+ 0.19	0.51
European	83.95	85.84	+ 0.13	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	94.67	100.97	- 0.01	0.89
American Emerg	78.35	83.99	- 1.31	
Hong Kong	112.68	121.05	- 4.41	1.92
Japan	235.09	249.77	+ 3.74	
Pacific Growth	155.39	166.68†	- 1.27	0.39
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	126.96	135.79	+ 0.98	0.37
American Gth	132.17	130.67	- 0.25	
European Gth	66.13	70.71	+ 0.30	0.42
Japan Gth	82.08	87.76	+ 1.90	
Pacific Inc	143.43	153.39	+ 1.12	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.30	131.08	+ 0.37	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.90	74.77†	- 0.38	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.61	50.14†	- 0.07	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.71	47.83	+ 0.11	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9468				
Cash	131.10	131.10		5.36
Gth Fund	118.20	125.50	+ 0.60	6.25
Growth Equity	281.90	301.10†	+ 0.20	2.20
Grandthill	419.60	448.20	+ 0.60	2.25
Income Trust	108.30	116.10	- 0.21	3.65
International	157.20	167.90	+ 1.20	0.36
Japan Trust	129.00	137.80	+ 2.60	
Nth American	249.80	264.70	+ 1.70	0.49
Pacific	364.90	389.80	+ 1.00	0.02
European	342.50	365.90	+ 1.20	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838848				
Global Adv Inc	38.09	37.20	+ 0.30	1.68
-do- Acc	38.72	38.03	+ 0.30	1.68
Inc Adv Inc	29.09	30.48†	+ 0.10	6.86
-do- Acc	30.52	32.36	+ 0.10	4.10
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690399				
Canadian	76.92	82.40	+ 1.04	0.93
Equity Income	110.10	117.10†	- 0.10	3.52
Income Unit	130.30	137.20		1.15
Intl Situation	74.50	79.26	+ 0.36	
Japanese	150.10	159.70	+ 2.70	
North American	95.60	101.70	+ 0.60	
Scandinavian	112.80	119.20	+ 0.50	
Smaller Cos	30.40	32.34	+ 0.07	1.98
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings				
Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HT				
Enq: 0277 263299 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.09	94.16	+ 0.60	
Asian Enterprise	113.90	121.20	+ 0.30	0.21
Australian	130.49	142.67	- 0.07	1.26
European	389.15	388.74†	+ 1.07	1.06
European Inc	69.81			

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Prices drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day June 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Reuters	Industrial	
2	Harmony	Mining	
3	Kode	Electrical	
4	Inchcape	Business Serv	
5	Sturge Hldgs	Insurance	
6	LGW	Industrial	
7	Harrisons	Drapery,Stos	
8	Chubb Sec	Business Serv	
9	Leslie	Mining	
10	Invercare Gp	Industrial	
11	Hill & Smith	Industrial	
12	Cater Allen	Banks,Disc	
13	Western Selects	Electrical	
14	Sappi	Paper,Print	
15	AAH	Industrial	
16	Rotork	Industrial	
17	Aspen Comm	Paper,Print	
18	First Tech	Electrical	
19	Mucklow (A&J)	Property	
20	Br Aerospace	Motors,Air	
21	Tops Ests	Property	
22	Racal Elec.	Electrical	
23	Reliance Sec	Business Serv	
24	Bespak	Industrial	
25	CRA	Mining	
26	ADT	Business Serv.	
27	Takeda Chem	Industrial	
28	Doornfontein	Mining	
29	Rolfe & Nolan	Business Serv	
30	Pifco	Electrical	
31	McKay Secs	Property	
32	Wace	Paper,Print	
33	Asda	Property	
34	BAA	Transport	
35	Harries	Mining	
36	BICC	Electrical	
37	P & O Dfd	Transport	
38	Alphameric	Electrical	
39	ASW	Industrial	
40	Hogg Robinson	Business Serv	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1400	1018	Ang Am Coal	1375 †	...	...	...	...
2020	1125	Ang Am	1950	+100	...	3.6	∞
19½		Anglo Pac Res▲	17½	...	...	...	...
114		Ashton Mining	114	...	...	5.6	8.0
41	18	Bracken	38	...	...	...	2.2
710	233	Buffels	657	+42	...	6.0	16.2
2	1	Bunge	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	579	+9	...	3.6	∞
1½		Chart Res	1½	...	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1112½	+12½	...	4.3	15.0
138	37½	Deelkraal	109	-13	...	5.5	6.0
87	7	Doornfontein	68	+3	...	...	...
887	388	Driefontein	815	+45	...	4.1	14.9
618	120	Durban	568	+14	...	...	...
134	47	E Rand Gold	123	+8	...	9.5	∞
162	62	E Daggs	133	-3	...	...	11.1
288	94	E Rand Prop	268	+10	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	409	+31	...	3.0	9.5
98	43	Ellerine	93	+2	...	1.1	3.6
175	146	ER Smlr Cos	173	...	...	3.7	21.7
315	283	Freight Ser	302	+1	13.3	5.5	22.8
90	69	Harmn Anlan E	88	...	0.5	0.7	...
114	33	Grootvlei	44	...	...	5.6	8.0
41	18	Brackten					

INFOTECH

Turn off and save a small fortune

PCs are becoming a political issue as they use more power. Now a new generation of models is being developed, David Hewson reports

Few people would dream of leaving an old-fashioned two-bar electric fire burning away on their office desk 24 hours a day. Transform the device into a personal computer, however, and the majority of office staff are happy to let it sit switched on throughout the day, regardless of whether it is being used.

Older machines, with a screen and printer, can easily consume half a kilowatt an hour, which, at standard London Electricity, business rates, will cost you £1 for every 24 hours you leave it running. In an office with 20 PCs working a five-day week that could mean an electricity bill of more than £5,000 a year, which could be more than halved if every terminal was switched off when staff went home.

Current PCs are slightly more power efficient, but they still consume more power than they need, principally because conservation has never been a priority for manufacturers.

Now the power consumption of computers is becoming a political issue in the United States and the issue is sure to be exported to Europe, with a new crop of electricity-conscious PCs forced upon the computer industry by a worried US government.

The Clinton administration has suddenly adopted moves suggested by the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce the amount of power consumed by PCs. According to the EPA, computer systems account for 5 per cent of all commercial electricity use in America, and this will grow to 10 per cent by the year 2000 unless manufacturers make PCs less power-greedy.

The EPA's "Energy Star" programme is designed to stem the growth in PC power consumption, preventing the emission of 20 million tons of carbon dioxide annually from coal-burning power plants, which is the equivalent of removing five million cars from the roads.

The Star programme has been a low-key point of discussion between manufacturers and the EPA for some time, but the subject has suddenly been pushed to the fore by environmental forces within the Clinton administration.

The core of the EPA programme is that every element in a PC system should be capable of switching to a low-power "sleep" state when not in use, and in this state each unit should use 30 watts or less power, compared with the several hundred watts typical today.

> People believe that a PC which is left on permanently is less likely to go wrong

In April, the American government, one of the biggest single purchasers of computer equipment in the world, decided to back the programme by warning suppliers that from September it will buy only equipment which meets the Star programme specifications. That decision, which could prove disastrous for any manufacturer that cannot comply, forced energy conservation to the top of manufacturers' concerns.

As a result of the deadline from the White House, the chip manufacturer Intel has brought forward plans to produce a new generation of chips which have energy consumption features built into them.

Much of the technology was originally developed for notebook PCs, where miserly power consumption is essential to extend battery life. Modern notebooks use a variety of power-saving routines to cut power. They will "sleep" automatically when they are not being used, can decide to power down the hard disc if it is not required, and may also reduce the working speed of the chip.

The results can be dramatic. A standard desktop 386 PC with a hard disc will normally be consuming between 60 and 100 watts of power in use. One of the most power-conscious of modern notebooks is Dell's new slimline 325 Sli notebook which consumes a mere 20 watts when working, compared with five times that amount for a conventional desktop machine.

PETER TREVNOR



Energy saver: Roger Stone, European product marketing manager of Dell, with one of the new slimline PCs

Using power management, the 325 Sli can work for six to seven hours between charges, more than double the usable period of most notebooks. The low power drain of notebook chips is being adapted for their desktop cousins, with far-reaching results.

A 486 SL33 chip consumes 0.25 of a watt at full power and 0.0025 of a watt when asleep; its DX33 cousin eats through 4.5 watts and 3.5 watts respectively.

Dell, a large supplier to the American government, is confident it can meet the Star programme demands in time, according to the European product marketing manager, Roger Stone. The new generation of energy-efficient desktops should start working their way through to the European market this autumn.

"There is an increasing awareness on the part of customers about the lifetime cost of a PC, not just how much it costs to buy. Low power usage comes into that," Mr Stone says.

Intel, the maker of most PC chips, is adamant it can meet the American deadline, too, even with its new Pentium chip which, with a rating of 13 watts, consumes more than twice the maximum power drain of a 66 MHz 486 chip, currently the fastest available.

Intel will announce 30 new versions of its 486 chip this year, many low power versions designed for the new generation of desktops. Beyond notebooks, however, few machines now on the market have much in the way of power management.

An exception is Apple's new colour Classic, which will automatically turn off the screen and power down when not being used. Apple says it will incorporate power management into most of its new machines.

What can you do with the PCs you already have? The simple answer is: turn them off when they are not needed. This can be hard to impress on staff, however. Many companies report that people continue to believe that a PC which is left switched on permanently is less likely to go wrong.

And a good number think that a screen saver which blanks out the monitor when it is not being used also saves electricity. Both beliefs are modern PC myths, and ones that work their way through to the quarterly electricity bill.

Moscow harvest

Apple starts its Russian sales drive with a jibe at 'Big Brother' IBM

Apple Computer took on a tough new market last week when it launched an ambitious advertising campaign in the former Soviet Union and announced it wanted a 20 per cent share of the market within two years. Apple reworked a famous commercial — shown only once before — that lampoons IBM as Big Brother.

The one-minute advertisement was broadcast six times on Thursday last week during news programmes in Russia and other former Soviet republics and was estimated to have been seen by up to 100 million viewers.

"For more than 20 years, Europe, Asia, America — the whole world — all toiled under the dominance of one personal computer system," the advertisement says. "A system whose inflexibility discouraged independent thought and creativity. A system whose power went unchallenged. Until Apple created Macintosh."

Computers of various kinds are not new, though not commonplace either, in Moscow. There are computer stores and there is even a sprawling electronics flea market.

Personal computers in Russia and the other CIS states are predominantly IBM-compatible, whereas Apple is the only large company not following an industry standard. This may partly explain the aggressive approach in making fun of IBM, despite the fact that Apple now has close ties to its former arch rival.

IBM spokesman David Harrah said he was "mystified" by the jibe. "Let's all keep in mind that the next generation of Apple Macs that will come out in 1994 will have an IBM-designed microprocessor and an IBM-Apple operating system on it," he said.

Alex Randall, director of the Boston-based East West Education Development Foundation, which sends used computers to developing and former East bloc nations, says Apple may not be aiming at the right market.

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The latest satellite link is portable and needs only a car battery to work

Plugged into the network

The aid getting through to the besieged Bosnians may be fitful, but journalists on the scene have little trouble getting stories of the Muslims' plight to the outside world, thanks to the latest innovations in satellite communications technology.

These links with the Balkans highlight a service that is expected to change worldwide communications and will lead to a global paging system next year and the possibility of pocket-sized satellite telephones within five years.

Within the international press corps covering the break-up of Yugoslavia, many have overcome the lack of landlines either by queuing up to buy time on one of the satellite phones set up by the TV stations, or carrying the latest in personal computer data transmission systems.

The Nomad 2000, developed for STC, is a lightweight satellite modem and antenna designed to provide a direct link with a laptop computer to send and receive telexed messages, yet small enough to fit in a briefcase.

Unlike the bulky satcom phones and dish aerials which require mains power, it uses a handy flat dish and rechargeable batteries to provide up to two hours of communication. Alternatively it can be linked to a car battery or the mains.

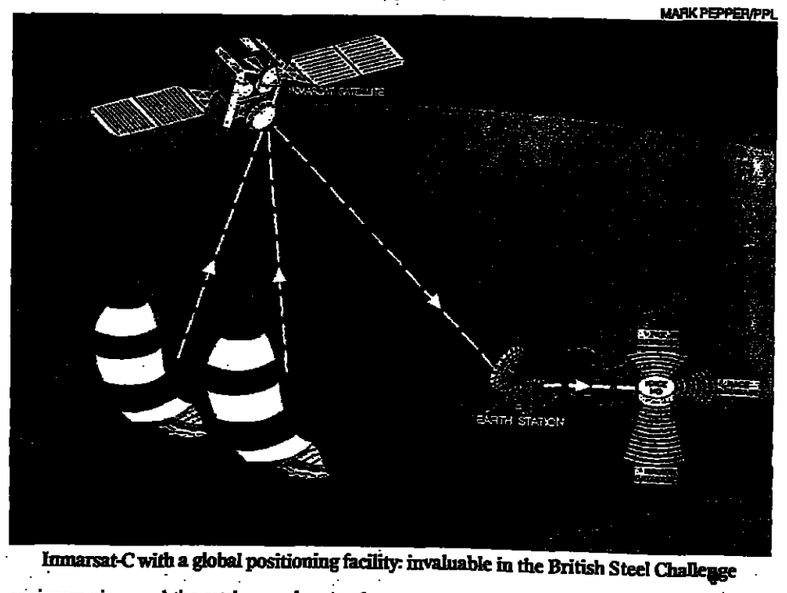
Costing £6,000, the Nomad is the latest piece of hardware to take advantage of the Inmarsat-C satellite data transmission system that has proved to be a great help during the British Steel Challenge global yacht race.

This is not just a communications link. It also offers a commercial system to track and monitor anything from shipping and trucks to valuable cargoes moving almost anywhere in the world.

This aspect was brought into sharp focus by the sinking of the *Braer* oil tanker on the Shetland coast in January. That disaster has led to calls for a ship traffic control system to monitor endangered environments, such as the Shetlands, as well as busy shipping channels — for example, the Dover Straits.

Radar provides the simplest solution. But as BT — whose engineers pioneered the satellite tracking system — points out, radar is passive. It cannot provide a warning to those running into trouble.

MARK PEPPER/PPL



Inmarsat-C with a global positioning facility: invaluable in the British Steel Challenge

With C-Sat, as BT call it, the coastguard could not only have questioned the captain of the *Braer* immediately it realised the ship was drifting towards danger, but arranged outside assistance before it became too late.

An example of this came when the crew of the race yacht British Steel II were dismasted deep in the Southern Ocean, mid-way between Cape Horn and New Zealand. Using the satellite link, skipper Richard Tudor fired off an urgent message that told officials of their plight 12 minutes after disaster had struck.

Within five minutes, the satellite system had provided the organisers in Petersfield with the exact position of the yacht's nearest race rivals and minutes later had carried messages back, calling on two yachts to divert and help the stricken team.

The satellite tracking system is linked with the yacht's navigation equipment and allows race organisers the option of calling up a single yacht, a group, or the entire fleet, to check their position, course and rate of progress at any time.

One safety feature built into the system is the "panic button" for crews to alert organisers of their position, the moment an emergency arises.

If there is time before abandoning ship, a facility is also included within the software to spell out quickly the nature of the problem by selecting one of the danger scenarios such as sinking, fire, dismasting or sickness from a menu displayed on the computer.

But the technology developed to track a yacht race has far wider applications. And not just at sea.

The open market philosophy within Europe, allowing vehicles operated by an EC company to pick up and carry loads anywhere within the community, has made it essential that transport managers keep in regular contact with their fleet if they are to maximise loads.

BT is now well down the road towards adapting C-Sat to fit into the lorry cab. By linking this with a GPS navigation unit, owners can not only monitor the position and movement of their fleets, but maintain two-way contact with the drivers.

Other imminent developments include a global paging service, which is due to be launched next year. The pocket-sized receivers are expected to cost about £330 with a target price for messages of 70p per 15 characters.

Other services have also been launched this year as an interim answer towards reducing the cost and size of the satellite phones, before plans to introduce pocket-sized cellular satellite phones in 1998.

The first of the Inmarsat-B briefcase sized personal phones, produced by Scientific-Atlanta in the US, costs nearly £17,000 and a further £3.50 a minute to operate.

That is half the charge for calls made on a Satcom-A phone, which costs about £25,000 but now has the ability to transmit live television pictures.

The biggest breakthrough in cost and size, however, will the launch of the Inmarsat P network of satellites to service a global cellular phone service. These pocket-sized phones are designed to link with both local cellular and satellite networks and are expected to cost £1,000 and about 70p a minute to operate.

BARRY PICKTHALL

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Virtual acoustics will do for hearing what virtual reality has done for seeing. **Alan Jabez** reports

Sounds to make pictures live

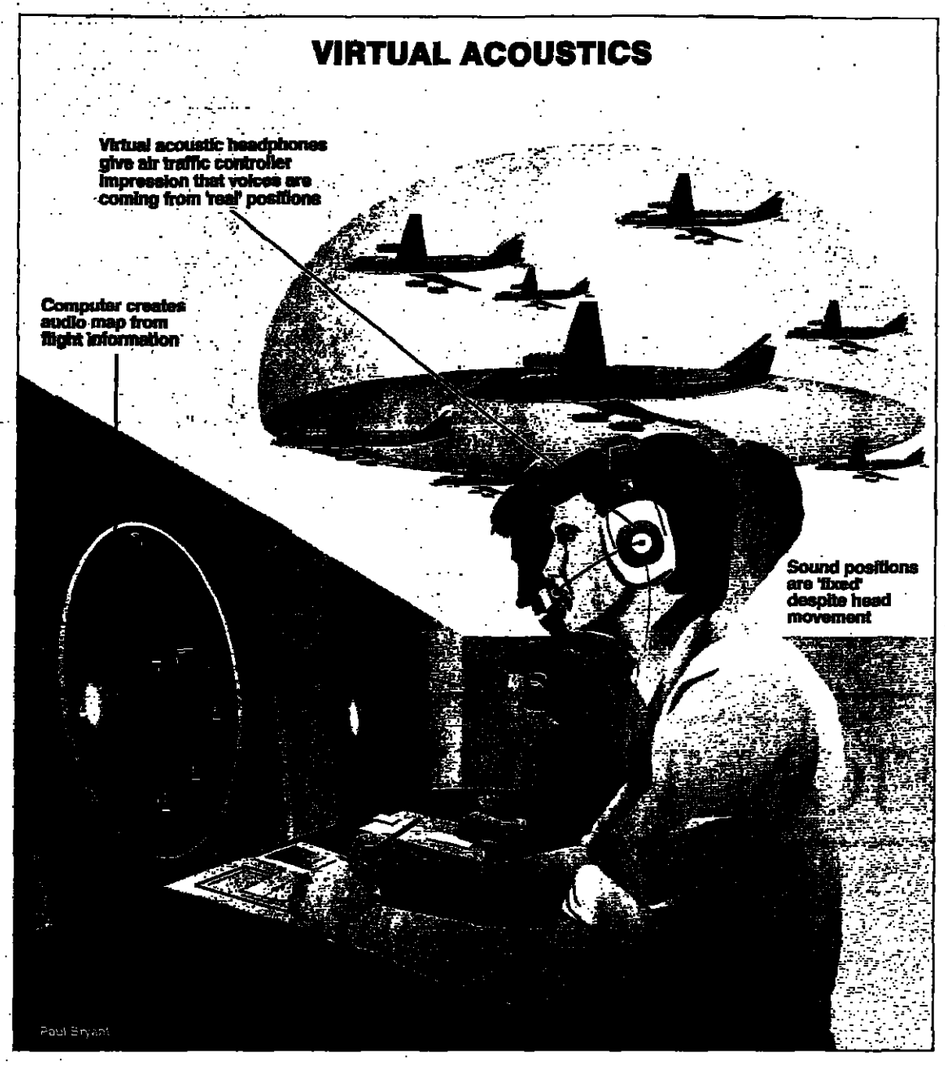
In the same way that special headsets and considerable computing power create the extraordinary, imaginary world of virtual reality, audio technologists in California are applying similar techniques to the sound world dubbed virtual acoustics (VA).

With the two technologies working together, the make-believe world that is found useful for scientific research, medical applications, design purposes and computer games is being made much more realistic.

To create such an audio illusion, a high-speed, digital, audio-processing system connected to conventional headphones fools the ears into believing they can hear sounds which have their own spatial location.

In contrast to stereo headphones, where the sounds come from the same side of your head whichever way you turn, with VA headsets the sounds appear to come from fixed points away from the head.

"The wearers of the headsets believe the different sounds they hear in their head have a precise position."



Controllers may soon picture the position of an aircraft from the pilot's voice

says Elizabeth Wenzel, a Nasa research psychologist who has been involved in the development of the technology.

The applications are varied. The Federal Aviation Administration, for example, is considering the potential of virtual acoustics for air-traffic control purposes. Following initial research work by Nasa, the FAA is due to start tests where VA headphones will be given to air-traffic controllers to provide them with greater awareness of aircraft movement.

At present, controllers use a radar screen to identify each aircraft initially, and then identify it visually from the control tower once it comes into view. The FAA hopes that, by using the headphones, the controllers will also be able to locate each aircraft by mentally "picturing" its position and movement from the voice of the pilot. If the controller perceives a pilot to be talking from the wrong position or too close to another aircraft, he could take immediate remedial action.

Virtual acoustics is also starting to be used in medicine. Medical researchers at the University of California are using it to try to reach a better understanding of the causes of schizophrenia. By getting patients to pinpoint the sources of the sounds they hear in their head, the researchers say they are able to locate the sounds to precise positions in the brain.

Another application is to add VA to tele-conferencing, which is used increasingly by executives who want to talk to colleagues over long-distances. Groups of executives sit in different studios, but instead of listeners simply hearing a remote voice, they can "visualise" the position of the talker and thereby talk directly back to them.

The video games industry could certainly benefit. The ability to hear the sounds of an enemy aircraft coming from a certain part of the sky would make any game seem more authentic.

The best-known digital processing system which creates this effect is called a Convolvotron, developed by Crystal River Engineering, a company in the heart of Silicon Valley, California, and one of the leading lights in virtual reality technology since the 1980s.

Although the name Convolvotron sounds more like a snazzy 1960s kitchen appliance, it is a powerful device capable of delivering high-quality three-dimensional sound from up to four separate sound sources. To generate the illusion for each sound source, the processor needs to make up to 320 million calculations per second.

The company, which developed both the hardware and software, has now joined with the British virtual reality specialists, Division, to sell the technology and a £12,000 system worldwide.

There could also be significant applications in the music industry. Division has set-up a VA system for a five-man San Francisco rock band that wanted to experience its music in completely new way.

According to Hardie Dunn, Crystal River's marketing director, the largest commercial market for virtual acoustics will be by combining it with virtual reality. "If you see a door open or a window break in a virtual environment, you want to hear the accompanying sound effect coming from exactly the same position," he says.

For designers, the combination of the two technologies creates new opportunities. Thorn EMI, for instance, uses virtual reality to demonstrate what new office interiors will look like according to the different lay-out and lighting options. But adding ringing telephones and other sounds as a person "walks" through the imaginary office would certainly seem more realistic.

In Tokyo, a combined virtual reality and acoustic system is being tested for demonstrating new kitchen ranges at a big department store. Using virtual reality headsets, customers design the layout of their ideal kitchens, including the locations of fridges, sinks, cookers, fan extractors and washing machines. Then, to increase realism, the "real" sounds of all the appliances have been added.

Customers can experience the level of noise from various kitchen appliances

This enables customers to hear the level of noise there would be if, say, every appliance was working at the same time. They can even detect the difference in noise levels in the "room" if different-quality acoustic tiles are placed on the imaginary walls.

Peter Cornwell, who is head of Division's American operations and a professor at the department of computing at Imperial College, London, says that the technology will open up a huge new world for scientists, researchers and designers in many fields.

In the future, he says, the combination of virtual reality and virtual acoustics could even replace computer-aided design for many design purposes. He explains that at present the two technologies are complementary, with the virtual world able to provide a useful overview and computer-aided design providing the finer detail. "But in another ten years", he says, "the audio and picture quality of the virtual world will be far superior."

A giant tears itself apart

Fears over the break-up of IBM

Big Blue isn't so big anymore. The break up of parts of IBM have been likened to the break up of the Soviet Union.

The problems of the once mighty monolith stem partly from the recession and partly from the declining sales of mainframe computers.

Decentralising management by breaking the company up into "independent business units" and forming separate companies that are wholly owned by IBM is seen as one way to improve profitability. The latest business unit is Personal Software Products.

IBM already has two companies selling PC hardware, ICPI and IPCC. ICPI was set up a year ago to sell the Ambra — a PC made for IBM but without the company logo on its products or in its marketing literature.

IPCC was set up three months later to sell all IBM branded PCs from the PS/1 to the 486 chip-based top-of-the-range machines.

In the latest version of the annual *Handbook of IBM Terminology*, produced by the research company Xephon, the confusion surrounding the two companies is summed up neatly.

"ICPI does not use the IBM name for its products, on its letterheads or in its marketing — a strange approach, since the only decent selling feature of the 'ho-hum' range of products is that it is sold by an IBM company."

Jeff Hosier, author of the book, believes that IBM has succeeded in creating confusion among its customers by setting up the two competing companies.

"Basically IBM said that it wanted to sell to the posh, middle and tatty end of the market, though it put things more politely, and ICPI was designed to sell to the tatty end. IBM spent £8 million launching ICPI and it is never going to recover that money," Mr Hosier says.

But it is not only the PC divisions that have been subject to the process of fragmentation. The mainframe business, too, has had its share of spin-offs. Customers can buy mainframe printers direct from IBM or from another IBM subsidiary, Pennant.

The IBM Computer User Association (CUA) is an independent body that represents IBM's largest customers. Its chairman, Alec McHale, says that members are concerned over the break up of IBM.

"Devolving IBM into lots of smaller units means that there is going to be a lot of infighting. Does this mean that the customer will get the product that is best for him or the one that is best for whichever bit of IBM is selling it?" he asks.

'Does this mean the customer will get the product best for him?'

"The danger under the new structure is that each independent IBM company will focus on its own products and 'bottom line' and push a product even if one from another IBM company would do the job better," Mr McHale says.

There has always been some technological overlap between IBM products. For example, the top end of its proprietary minicomputer system, the AS/400, overlaps with the bottom end of the ES/9000 mainframes.

The new dimension of devolution means that, in addition to technological overlap, there is now a competitive element between the different companies. Some large customers are worried whether the left arm of the new IBM knows — or cares — what the right is doing.

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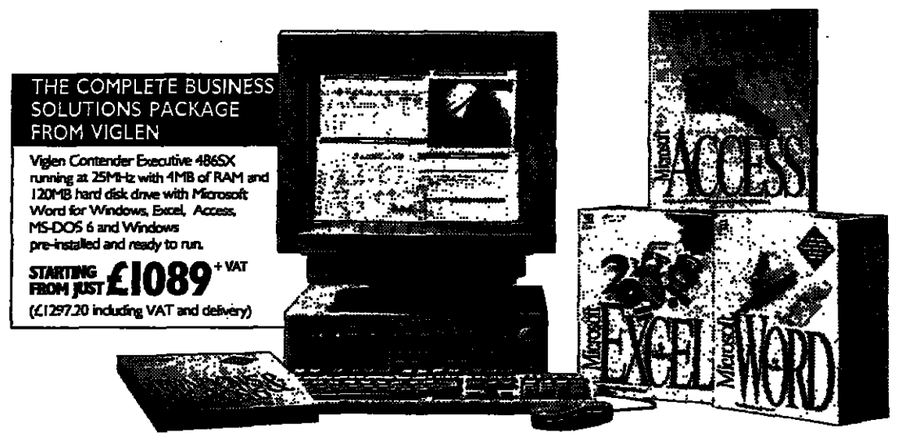
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Finding pleasure in a fresh language

Object-oriented programming is the latest example of a reliable, intelligible and re-usable code, David Guest reports

The history of programming is a tale of more work than there are people to do it. If a new method — known as object-oriented programming or OOP — is the answer to the work, then rewards *for the right set of skills could be* very high.

The volume and quality of programming work have been vital issues almost since the start of commercial programming more than 30 years ago. Companies that use computers juggle resources to keep old programs running while holding the backlog of new work within manageable limits. At the same time, the quality of software becomes more important as business fortunes are increasingly reliant on it.

Programming languages such as Cobol and Basic were early attempts to help programmers to be more productive. Known as third-generation languages, they have been succeeded — but not replaced — by the fourth-generation, which are sold on the promise of enhanced productivity and ease of maintenance.

OOP technology is the latest example of the computing industry trying to provide reliable, intelligible and re-usable pieces of programming code. The rewards are *in no doubt, according to Adam* Winkelman, managing director of the specialist training consultancy Semaphore Europe. "Last year, I was paying £200 to £225 a day for an average person to give a training course, £350 for a good one. This year it is £600 a day.

"Where salaries are concerned, even an average person might get 30 per cent over the odds and at the top end, it might be 50 to 70 per cent. Object-oriented skills enable people to be choosy, and I think that will continue to be the case for *three to five years," he says.*

Steve Baker, marketing manager of QA Training, says: "The shortage is of people who have been doing it for more than six months. Proficiency in the C++ language will be the entry-level standard, but to enhance your career prospects you should learn object-oriented analysis and design around it."

There are differences, however, over the best computing background for an object-oriented technician. Mr Winkelman says graduates bringing no baggage *from commercial programming* make the best practitioners: "Some Cobol programmers couldn't make the transition. For others, it would take a year."

John Carolan, technical director of Computer Associates Ireland who was founder of the object-oriented pioneer Glockenspiel, says: "It's not a hard thing to grasp. It isn't as scary as people make out. The main big thing is that in Cobol, for example, you tend to deal with things one at a time, a stream of records coming off a file. *The main functional difference is* that you can have many things on the go at once."

In object-oriented programming, the dominant language is C++. But the command of the language alone, specialists in the field agree, will not be enough. "For people from a conventional programming background, it requires a significant change in mindset." Mr Winkelman says. "People think C++ is just a superset of C and that object-oriented is a development of what they have been doing."

Mr Baker says: "For C++, because of its syntactical difficulties, prior C experience is a distinct bonus. We have trained people from non-C backgrounds but a couple of years' *C gives you a head start. From any* kind of procedural language base, there is the temptation to treat the programs as procedural. It takes time to unlearn that."

Mr Baker was previously a software developer, running a small team that programmed in Cobol and Pascal. "I got into object-oriented in 1989," he says. "It took some time for the full implications to sink in — maybe a year or more before I had a full appreciation of what this thing could do."

Ian Kinns, software development *manager at the financial advisory* company Laurentian Milldon, is a graduate of QA's Advanced C++ and object-oriented design courses.

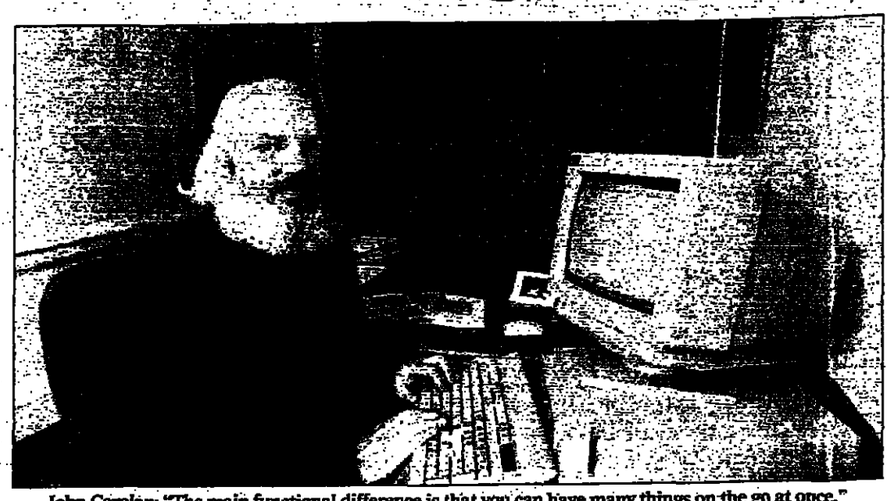
"There are sides to it that you don't pick up on immediately," he says. "Yes, it's a transition from one style of programming to another, but the design side is the bottom of the iceberg." To make the transition, he recommends training and "a lot of background reading".

Mr Kinns has an extensive background in the successive waves of software development: third and fourth-generation languages and different types of database. "Object oriented is not a fad," he says. "It is a true evolution from the third generation."

Another object-oriented language is the delightfully named Smalltalk, in which computing staff are notoriously deficient. Mr Baker says: "Smalltalk lends itself to people without a programming background, it is interactive and you learn as you go along."

Smalltalk is not likely to enhance career prospects to the same degree as C++. "It is popular but the main limitation to its use is that it is not suitable for big projects," Mr Carolan says. "Smalltalk is a Cadillac language for one person, but in a team of five people you would get creeping instability."

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** finds quantity rather than quality at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition

Corn as high as an elephant's eye

With speculation already rampant about the likely presidential successor to Sir Roger de Grey, who retires in December, the **Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition** may assume a radically different character next year. But real change is difficult to imagine. Despite all the efforts made by de Grey, and his equally energetic predecessor Sir Hugh Casson, the RA's annual jamboree remains as much of a hallowed national ritual as the Chelsea Flower Show or a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We know, by and large, just what to expect. And the exhibition's many devotees relish its reassuring predictability in an otherwise uncertain world.

Last year, even at the depth of the recession, over 122,000 visitors came to see and buy (often for very substantial sums) the works on view. A similar audience can confidently be expected to pay the £4.50 admission charge this time around, and more than 13,000 works were submitted in the hope of acceptance for this, the 225th summer show. In the event, some 11,200 entries found themselves turned away. But the rest, displayed on the walls and floors of Burlington House, prompts Tom Phillips to declare in the catalogue that "the rich variety of art is everywhere denied: only the Academy gives, each year, in painting, sculpture and architecture, the broader picture."

But how justified is this proud and combative assertion? The first gallery offers the most convincing confirmation of Phillips's claim. Several distinguished foreign artists are here, at the president's invitation, and they give the show a catholic, non-parochial air. Roy Lichtenstein, who would have been shunned by the Academy at the height of Pop Art's influence 30 years ago, submits a crisp and confident *Interior with Shadow* where the furnishings do battle with a bewildering fusillade of stripes and dots. Near by, Richard Diebenkorn's quietly sublime *Ocean Park No.130* proves that the RA no longer jibs at austere near-abstraction, while Anselm Kiefer's brooding *Yggdrasil* signals Burlington House's official acceptance of neo-Expressionist gloom.

Alongside Eduardo Chillida's collages and an untitled work by Jasper Johns (now an Hon RA), British artists look strong, too. Patrick Caulfield, only a very recent participant in summer shows, is at his terse and melancholy best in *The Second Glass of Whisky*. An elusive umber interior, where minimal windows and shafts of wan yellow light contrast with the skilful illusionism of the glass itself, the painting fully deserves its purchase by the Chantrey Bequest. Only with the section memorialising Sidney Nolan does the imaginative temperature plummet, demonstrating how little he had to offer after the nervy inventiveness of his early Ned Kelly series came to an end.

David Hockney, whose contributions to previous summer shows have sometimes been perfunctory, presides over Gallery II with festive ease. His six paintings, irresistibly recalling the opera sets he has been designing recently, are all buoyant affairs. Hockney here recovers some, at least, of his former zest, and John Hoyland's ebullient abstractions sustain the vitality elsewhere in the room. As if to prove that the English landscape tradition can flourish alongside Hoyland's impetuous sunbursts of colour, Michael Andrews's understated yet deeply felt *Oare, The Vale of Pewsey* is also included. R.B. Kitaj, however, has descended into clumsiness with his eccentric restaging of the Whistler/Ruskin court-case, in a boxing-ring borrowed from George Bellows. Although Whistler knocks his blue-haired opponent clean through the ropes, Kitaj's own handling lacks the necessary punch.

Unevenness reigns in Gallery III, where the grand proportions deserve a more sustained level of achievement. Victor Pasmore, now a grand old octogenarian, proves his continuing power in a delicious green and grey abstraction called *The Eye and The Symbol*, where his meandering line terminates in the artist's prominent initials. His pride is justified, and Anthony Green upholds the figurative tradition at its quirkiest with his multi-part hymn to connubial love in the bedroom, fanning out from the naked Greens into a Donne-like celebration of paradise-on-earth.

Elsewhere, though, a tribute to the late John Bratby succeeds only in revealing how execrable his later work became. While the earliest paintings prove that Bratby in the 1950s possessed a certain hamfisted authority, the more recent canvases testify to a terrible dissipation of his talent. To find such pictures in positions of honour is to gravely weaken the exhibition as a whole. While understanding the Academy's desire to salute the passing of its members, I question the wisdom of granting Bratby this amount of exposure.

After all, other Academicians of far more consistent quality died this year, and they have been tucked away in other, chronically overcrowded rooms where their distinctiveness can easily be overlooked. Richard Eurich, memorialised in Gallery VII, was a true poet of the English coastland. His deceptively modest paintings are often at their finest when he explores the tension between beach and sea. A melancholy space, its loneliness punctuated only by a few vulnerable figures, this eerie locale haunted him throughout a long and remarkably consistent career. His death is a real loss, for the most recent canvases are among the best.

Peter Greenham likewise deserves to be mourned. The selection of his paintings includes one of his most incisive and memorable portraits: Father d'Arcy, his gaunt ness alleviated by the surprising vivacity of his alert, button-bright eyes. Greenham never strayed from the conservatism of a style indebted, at heart, to a mild form of Sickertian Post-Impressionism. But he knew how to make the most of his innate caution, and the outcome was a body of quiet, thoughtful work which always repays scrutiny.

It is sad to find artists as singular as Eurich and Greenham half-buried in the clotted hanging *de rigueur* in far too many of the rooms. Forced on the Academy by its dogged determination to include so many works, this dense massing of images quickly becomes oppressive. No artist should be subjected to such treatment, which militates against the uniqueness of a particular work at every turn. If Tom Phillips's "broader picture" can only be gained by this crude tactic, spraying images like scattershot across the full height of a wall, then the price is not worth paying. Better by far to prune the number of exhibited works very drastically, and give the survivors the breathing-space they deserve.

Alongside this overhaul in presentation, the Academy must seek to gather in some, at least, of the many outstanding artists who shun its exhibition at the moment. Without painters as formidable as Lucian Freud, Frank Auerbach and Howard Hodgkin, the summer show fails to substantiate Phillips's claim. Their absence makes his words sound hollow, and the same problem afflicts the Academy's representation of British sculpture. Eduardo Paolozzi and Phillip King are here from the senior generation, but Anthony Caro stays away. So do most of the younger sculptors who have gained substantial international reputations over the last decade. Two of them, **Richard Deacon** and **Bill Woodrow**, prefer to show their new collaborative work at the enterprising Chisenhale Gallery in the East End. An invigorating display, it challenges us to sort out who made what and proves how closely these highly individual sculptors are prepared to work together.

Until artists of their calibre receive proper representation at the Academy, the summer exhibition cannot claim to encompass the best of British art. Dhruva Mistry is showing reduced bronze versions of his guardians and figures newly installed in Birmingham's Victoria Square, and Peter Randall-Page's *Where The Bee Sucks* stands out with disturbing eroticism as a felicitous Chantrey purchase in Gallery VIII. But the untimely death of Elizabeth Frink, saluted here by pieces from different periods of her career, underlines how few outstanding sculptors the RA now encompasses. I hope that Sir Roger's successor addresses these shortcomings with dispatch, so that "the broader picture" can at long last be turned from wishful thinking into a persuasive reality.

● *The Summer Exhibition opens at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438) on Sunday and runs until August 15, open daily. Deacon & Woodrow's joint exhibition at the Chisenhale Gallery (081-981 4518) runs until June 20*

SIMON WALKER



A crowded scene: "More than 13,000 works were submitted in the hope of acceptance for this, the 225th summer show ... some 11,200 entries were turned away."

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This way appears to be to abandon "the over-rigorous classification" of the paintings into categories A (accepted as being by Rembrandt), B (uncertain) and C (not accepted as Rembrandt) — namely the entire system which the project has operated since 1968. Furthermore, the consultation remit will widen to include "a broader range of specialists", including guess who? Those smarting curators.

Where that leaves the credibility of the Herculean task completed so far up to *The Nightwatch* in 1642 is difficult to say. What is certain is that anyone owning works from that date until the artist's death in 1669 — and these include some of the most moving — can relax.

● ENGLAND and France look set for a committee-room war following a complaint by Lord Gowrie to the European Commission. The chairman of Sotheby's claims that France has breached Article 57 of the Treaty of Rome in refusing to allow his company to hold auctions in Paris. He is taking this step because his request to the French ministry a year ago has so far gone unanswered.

"We have long argued that Paris is scoring a series of own goals for itself rather than making life difficult for us," Lord Gowrie says, pointing out that, were Paris to open up, "in certain fields it could become more important than London."

He also claims a connection between the decline in contemporary French art since the war and its closed shop system: "It is no coincidence that the extraordinary long run of French dominance in the visual arts came to an end and hasn't been revived."

Flowers found

THE Chelsea Flower Show lingers on at the Christopher Wood gallery in Bond Street, with the display of a re-discovered Victorian painting of Chelsea Hospital gardens in full bloom. *The Old Men's Garden* by Helen Allingham, RWS (Royal Watercolour Society), shows Chelsea pensioners among the lupins and hollyhocks. Shown in 1877, it was commended in *The Times* for "the exquisiteness with which the flowers are drawn, coloured and combined".

Subsequently, however, the painting disappeared from sight until the dealer received a phone call from a book dealer in Manchester. Apparently a client walked in with it, out of the blue. "It is the best picture I have ever seen by Mrs Allingham," said Wood, who is asking £45,000.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

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Art on display

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Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden is celebrating Dame Ninette de Valois's 95th birthday with a revival of her 1937 ballet *Checkmate*. Also on the same bill are Balanchine's *Prodigal Son*; and Glen Tetley's *La Ronde*, a series of ten successive *pas de deux* revealing the sexual infidelity and intrigue in Schnitzler's 1908 play.
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MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

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Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE (18). Shallow film based on Rene-Daniel Dubois's play about a rent boy's confession of murder. Jean Baudin directs. Roy Dubois, Jacques Godin.
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Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12). Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

WILD WEST (15). Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Naveen Andrews and Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
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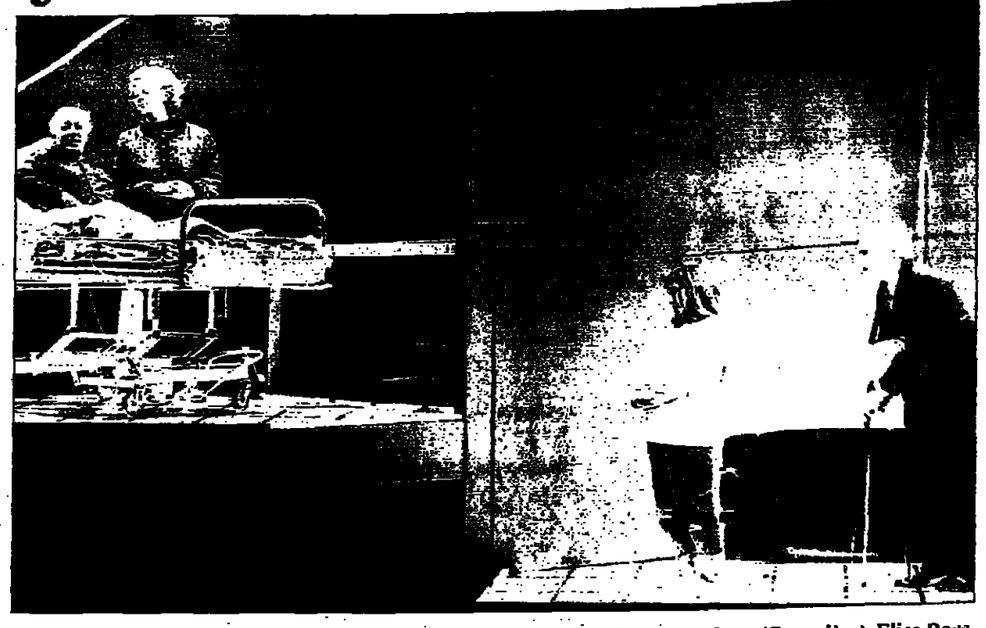
CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** reports from Amsterdam on a production in a thousand

Debussy as he should be done

Pelléas et Mélisande
Muziektheater, Amsterdam



Allemonde as California: from left, Willem Gomes (Pelléas's father), Felicity Palmer (Geneviève), Elise Ross (Mélisande) and Robert Lloyd (Arkel) in Peter Sellars's Amsterdam production of *Pelléas et Mélisande*

THE problem with *Pelléas* is that the better the performance, the more unbearable it is to witness, unless watching a family tearing itself to pieces is your idea of a fun night out. The new production by Peter Sellars that opened this year's Holland Festival on Tuesday is very good indeed, the first occasion in my experience in which Sellars's achievement has matched his reputation. Indeed, writing immediately afterwards, I would venture to say that this was one of the most shattering performances of my opera-going life.

George Tsypin's permanent set shows five rooms suspended over the oceanside, a concrete sustaining wall and a storm-drain. Dunya Ramicova's costumes confirm that Allemonde is present-day California. In the cold light of day — but emphatically not there and then in the theatre — you might quarrel with some of the detail in Sellars's scenario: Golaud putting a pistol in his mouth at curtain-rise is surely doing the audience's work for it: a handful of television monitors occasionally showing the singers in close-up is easily ignorable; the sheep that Yniold encounters in the fourth act are the three bag-persons that the protagonists have already seen in the grotto, and they are rounded up, routinely beaten and handcuffed by eight alarmingly authentic-looking Los Angeles policemen (one of them sings the Shepherd). Maybe Golaud's arrest at curtain-fall is a little too prosaic.

But everything else shows extraordinary insight and imagination. We see Pelléas's dangerously ill father, in extremis and on a drip; he recovers, as announced, and it is he who takes charge of Mélisande's baby at the end. Seldom can the notion that there is hope, that there is life after *Pelléas*, have been so powerfully suggested. The many composite scenes spread through the five rooms do not distract, rather they serve to deepen the relationships and intensify the drama. We actually see what Yniold says he sees through the window — it stops the heart — and we watch Golaud witnessing the love duet in his imagination, slowly, icily taking an ornamental sword from his wall and proceeding to fratricide. Mélisande's ungainly, painful pregnancy adds incalculable terror to the scene where Golaud physically abuses her.

Up-dated *Pelléases* can easily turn into an everyday tale of adultery and sibling rivalry. Sellars triumphantly avoids this, preserving a mythic quality through both the epic decor and the sheer concentration of his direction. We are witnessing not just a family, but a civilisation tearing itself apart.

Predictably, Simon Rattle brings an original slant to his conducting. His is no wispy, somewhere-in-the-next-room *Pelléas*, but a full-bodied, tense, almost Wagnerian reading. It moves rather slowly, but is never portentous. The dark colours of lower woodwind and brass are emphasised — the playing of the Rotterdam Philharmonic is superbly disciplined. There is danger, pain as well as otherworldly beauty — and much open eroticism. This Pelléas and Mélisande are by no means the "enfants" that Golaud would rather catch at play.

Willard White's Golaud is surely one of the great operatic performances of the day, plumbing unimaginable depths of human experience. Like everyone else, he sings in clear if not consistently idiomatic French. Philip Langridge is the passionate, vocally assured Pelléas, and Robert Lloyd's Arkel has never sounded better. Perhaps Elise Ross's Mélisande lacked ideal steadiness and breadth of phrase, but her tragic vulnerability was deeply touching. Felicity Palmer was the positive Geneviève, and Gaële Le Roi the sweet-toned Yniold.

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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a disappointment in the park

Circus tricks and cartoon capers

The Taming of the Shrew
Regent's Park

SHAKESPEARE'S first critic was one Francis Meres, who back in 1598 made mention of several of his comedies, among them *Love's Labour's Lost* and a mysterious *Love's Labour's Won*. In the Open Air programme Toby Robertson suggests, probably rightly, that the latter title is a misnomer for *The Taming of The Shrew*. But then his production begins, and proceeds relentlessly to undermine his own thesis. What Robertson offers us may share words, characters and a plot with *Taming of The Shrew*, but it ends up giving credence to an alternative theory. *Love's Labour's Won* is a lost Shakespeare play, suppressed by friends who feared its crudeness would ruin his growing reputation.

The setting is a multi-coloured big-top: gaudily decorated poles and bunting, winking bulbs, a plastic-covered ring which emits odd squelching noises when people walk too heavily across it, and a red curtain emblazoned "Love's Labour's Won" in gold squiggles. On come what are, I suppose, meant to be *commedia dell'arte* performers, but tend, in their exotic headware and garish tunics, to look as if they have been snatched from a painting by Piero Della Francesca and remodelled by Disney. The disguised Hortensio might be Harpo Marx wearing a chessboard; but others are more lurid and clownish still.

The result is inevitable. The characters not only look like cartoons but behave as if they are trapped in one. They seem forever to be doing silly walks, or leaping into one another's arms, or landing on their bums or being kicked in them. Biondello dances on a giant ball. Someone else enters through a paper hoop. The front legs of Petruchio's horse make it over a jump, but the back legs refuse to follow. Brightly painted barrels or precarious see-saws become settings for conversations. So it goes on.

It is pretty galumphing stuff. An authentic *commedia* company would surely have brought more finesse to such business. But the idea is misconceived anyway, and for reasons great and small. How can we laugh at moments of genuine eccentricity, such as the description of Petruchio's wedding, when people are behaving more extravagantly all around? What is so funny about his "unreverent robes" when he is out-coloured, out-striped and out-feathered by everybody from a pink-and-cream Tranio on downwards? Farce needs a norm from which to deviate if it is to work.

But Shakespeare's *Shrew* is not a farce. It is a comedy full of openings for actors who have the skill to explore the nuances of the sex-war. Fat chance of any such subtleties in this Loony-Tune Padua. Indeed, the first great battle that Geordie Johnson's Petruchio, with his purple-and-gold uniform and flashing whip, fights with Cathy Tyson's snarling Katherina is explicitly staged as a battle between a tamer and his tiger. He calls her "Cat" throughout, in defiance of a line that rhymes "Kated" with "mated". Anything to identify Shakespeare with Barnum, Bailey, or both.



Talented: Cathy Tyson as Kate

Well, maybe Robertson is bravely trying to make a virtue of necessity. When the ceiling of a theatre is the sky, criss-crossed by passing planes, the stage-effects cannot be too dainty. But the price here is quality of performance, starting with Johnson, whose bulky Petruchio is inclined simply to put his hands on his waist and roar impressively.

There are signs that Tyson seems to want to chronicle Katherina's evolution from embittered daughter to contented wife; and it may be significant that she alone of the cast loses the white makeup thickly masking her face as the evening progresses. But she must wait for the real *Shrew* if she is to fulfil her evident talent.

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Don't sit there, do something

With CD-i, if you don't like the picture, change it. Easy. Now **David Toop** will explain what CD-i is

When will your future arrive?" Orlando asks her American lover in Sally Potter's film. "Does it begin tomorrow?" she taunts, posing the sort of question many of us ask ourselves in anxious moments. Has the future already been invented and implemented? Are we now struggling to recognise its existence and comprehend its implications?

The latest invention to burst upon us, even before we have grasped the possibilities of the last, is interactive, hybrid media. The new-frontier jargon for this phenomenon is hypermedia. A buzz word of such significance that it threatens to swallow all others, hypermedia is explained in a new book entitled *Understanding Hypermedia* (published by Phaidon Press) as a "media experience born from the marriage of TV and computer technologists".

CD-i (compact disc interactive) is one of a number of formats aimed at the domestic hypermedia enthusiast. If you are that enthusiast, then a Philips CD-i player, plugged into your television and stereo system, will cost in the region of £529. Among the hundred titles so far available are a Marilyn Monroe photo CD — a snip at £9.99 — and an interactive encyclopaedia retailing at £199.99.

So what is the difference between CD-i and all the other sleek boxes with their buttons, joy sticks, remote controls and insatiable thirst for electricity? In the first issue of a magazine called *CDi*, launched this week, CD-i is described as allowing the user "to interact with the images on the television screen rather than just being a passive couch potato".

The prospect of an activity that integrates conventional audio, visual and game-playing pleasures (along with educational information) into one package must alarm the traditional entertainment industries. Beleaguered parents will also blanch at the thought of purchasing more expensive electronic gadgets, all of which threaten to replace human activities such as reading, speaking and moving the limbs.

Most musicians faint at the thought of live rock concerts being displaced by Super Mario and Sonic the Hedgehog, let alone a format that encourages the joystick-twiddling consumer to influence the action and thus become a creator. There are rock stars, including Peter Gabriel and Billy Idol, who have grasped the nettle by engaging with the brave new cyberworld of CDROM and virtual reality, but the most obvious context for hypermedia is the so-called cyberdelic environment of techno and ambient dance music.

> 'If you can understand it, then it's probably not going to sell'

Philips, the company that developed CD-i in association with Sony, has responded by releasing *eScape*, the first disc in a music-orientated series. Even John Cook, the marketing manager for *eScape*, admits the difficulty of concocting a succinct description of this new medium. "People ask what it is", he says, "and you answer: 'The future'. Then you've got to let them experience it."

With *eScape*, the experience is rudimentary. A joystick controller enables the user to change the colours and directional movement of the abstract images, animate simple figures or switch into a new phase of the programme. When boredom sets in, a return to the menu offers new options to play with.

So far, the possibilities for interaction are very limited. Within a few years, though, they may expand in unforeseeable ways. "If you can understand it," Cook recently told potential clients in America, "then it's probably not going to sell."

"How do you win?" they asked, understandably perplexed by *eScape*'s relentless flow of hypnotic colours, animation and trance rhythms. Once they had grasped the notion that CD-i offers a non-linear, malleable experience, rather than a competitive game, they were enthralled, apparently.

The creator of *eScape*'s torrent of visual imagery is a small London-based company named Hex. Describing themselves as an ad-hocrisy of video punks, Miles Visman, Robert Pepperell and Matt Black have combined computer-generated images and music in a number of formats. *Top Banana*, for example, was a stringently politically correct computer game, while *Global Chaos*, an hour of music and overloaded visuals, has just been released on video, vinyl and CD, as well as being shown in dance clubs.

After years of reading science fiction novels written for the information age, particularly William Gibson's highly influential *Neuromancer* (first published in 1984 but still the benchmark for fiction depicting the near future), many techno-musicians and computer artists dreamed of creating audio-visual environments which respond to the desires of the operator. Although still in its early stages, CD-i may become the actualisation of those dreams.

"People have got into playing it like they would play a game," Pepperell says. "It's almost addictive. It's compelling and frustrating at the same time. It's absorbing. Once you're off it, you want to get back on. All of those things are what you associate with playing a game, not watching a pop video, and yet all you're doing is watching a video."

This is the story at present, yet CD-i promises far more, both in entertainment and education. Hex recognise the anxieties associated with television-based media, but feel that many criticisms lack perspective. "Dad's playing golf," Black says. "He's well addicted to his golf. The kit's pretty expensive and the fees of the club are pretty expensive as well, but he thinks that's OK. But Mario, he says, is ruining his children's heads."

Bob Cotton and Richard Oliver, the authors of *Understanding Hypermedia*, describe the new hybrid formats as a "rich sensory mix". Inevitably, this aspect of hypermedia, and particularly the comparisons often made with psychedelic drug experiences, will be explored by the artists but underplayed by the manufacturers.

eScape carries the standard warning to users about possible negative effects arising from excessive, uninterrupted viewing of fast-changing images. In the end, this is only part of the point.

As they develop, interactive media such as CD-i will challenge the narrative structure of books, films and music albums. Almost certainly, they will turn our passivity as entertainment consumers into something more demanding and — so the hypermedia boosters claim — more creative. In the future, this will change society in ways which we cannot predict. In the short term, rock stars will have to look to their laurels. Parents, as always, will have to watch their wallets.



The face of videos to come? One of the computer images from "Global Chaos", by Hex, a band for the CD-i generation

NEW WAVES

An insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

IN the next century, cycling historians will publish monographs on the connections between the BMX bike craze and late 20th-century pop music. Foolhardy leaps over impossible obstacles will have contributed to a new aesthetic, just as steam trains, jet flight and the electric food mixer shaped artistic judgments in less recent history.

Bandulu are a loud but personable trio of three north Londoners in their early twenties. Rather than draw a veil over such youthful pursuits as BMX riding, skateboarding and break-dancing, they acknowledge them as formative elements in their musical development. This is not to say that their first album contains any direct references to wheel-based acrobatics and head spins. With titles such as "Revelation", "Better Nation" and "Messengers", *Guidance* is pre-occupied with the visionary properties of electronic music, not teen ephemera.

Released on their own Infonet label, a subsidiary of Creation Records, Bandulu's output has an earthy, humanistic depth which belies its recording studio and club-orientated origins. They regard themselves as a band, treat live performances as opportunities to communicate, and talk about techno as a kind of avant-garde jazz with street appeal. All of these attitudes may or may not be related to their description of themselves as the sons of original hippies.

"I used to jam in the attic with my dad," Jamie Bissmire says. Using the pseudonym Koh Tao, his father actually contributed a track to a recent Infonet compilation album. "Amazing," one critic enthused. "Brilliantly eccentric," wrote another, as veterans of the 1960s such as John Peel and Steve Hillage rally in support of Bandulu. What became of the generation gap?

DAVID TOOP

WHAT'S OUT & ABOUT

BOOK: *Pearl — A Biography of Janis Joplin* by Ellis Amburn (Little Brown £16.99). A fast and not particularly original read which concentrates on the less seemly aspects of Joplin's short but action-packed life. *Entertainment Weekly*'s comment — "A litany of sleaze" — is emblazoned on the cover in only slightly smaller type than the author's name. Not the best place to look for an analysis of her music.

RADIO: *Walking On Sunshine* (Radio 2, Tues, 10pm). Eddy Grant hosts a guided tour of West Indian music.
Kershaw In Malawi (Radio 4, Tues, 10am) Andy Kershaw on the loose in southern Africa, accosting the local musicians and somehow getting embroiled in the country's politics.

TELEVISION: *Unplugged: Annie Lennox* (MTV, Sun, 5pm). Recorded at the 1992 Montreux Jazz Festival.
Faith And Music (ITV, Sun, 11.35pm). Last in the series features Boy George singing and talking about his beliefs.

NOW BOOKING: Robert Plant follows up his estimable *Fate of Nations* album with dates at: NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) July 14; Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) July 16.
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RECORDS: **David Sinclair** is pleased to announce that Maria McKee has finally cracked it

The party of the second part

MARIA McKEE
You Gotta Sin To Get Saved
(Geffen GED 24508)
MAKE or break time for Maria McKee. After six years at the helm of Californian roots-rock heroes Lone Justice, she launched her solo career in 1989 with a self-titled album that achieved little success. The following year she topped the British chart with "Show Me Heaven", a song lifted from the soundtrack of the Tom Cruise film *Days Of Thunder*. But can she do it again, off her own bat?

Part of the problem with that first album was its presentation. Lavishly produced and packaged with pictures of McKee gazing wistfully ahead like a younger version of Stevie Nicks, she was pitched as a sensitive singer-songwriter at the adult market.

This time she is pictured as more her natural self — a young-looking 28-year-old with freckles and a petulant moue — while a bold slogan amid the sleeve notes declares: "This is not a solo album. The band is . . ." before going on to list three of her former colleagues from Lone Justice in a small cast of musicians. Working once again as part of a properly functioning band, but still the person with her face and name on the cover, McKee has got the best of both worlds. It certainly sounds that way.

The production, by George Drakoulis (Black Crowes, Jayhawks) is much punchier than before, coaxing the best from a varied collection of songs, most of them ideally suited to McKee's sweet yet raucous tone.

She still has a tendency to yell, noticeably on a high-energy version of Van Morrison's "The Way Young Lovers Do" (from the classic *Astral Weeks*), and her own "I Forgive You", a Janis Joplinesque blast co-written with Sam Brown. But on other songs her pitch and phrasing are spot on as she negotiates a style that sits gracefully on the cusp of soul and country.

On the one hand, "I'm Gonna Soothe You" and "Why Wasn't I More Grateful" — both written with her Lone Justice chums — combine great, old-fashioned r'n'b melodies, hollering, gospel-style backing vocals, and (on the latter) the exuberant interjections of the Memphis Horns. At the other extreme is the Nashville-inspired honky tonk of "Only Once" and the acoustic guitars and folk harmonica on "Precious Time".

The title track seems to have been recorded with a party going on in the studio and the whole album sounds as if it was fun to make. It is just as enjoyable to listen to, as well.



Doing herself lone justice: Maria McKee rests her Joplinesque tonsils

LUTHER VANDROSS
Never Let Me Go
(Epic 473598)
UNLIKE Maria McKee, who has yet to find a niche both she and her public feel comfortable with, Luther Vandross has become so permanently ensconced in his uptown soul-man groove it's a sin. On his ninth album, Vandross's exceptional technique and naturally pleasing timbre are in danger of being taken for granted as, together (again) with producer and co-writer Marcus Miller, he turns out another seamless collection of tasteful love songs, sumptuous ballads and polite dance tracks.

The brisk, quasi-hip hop rhythm of "Love Is On The Way (Real Love)" and the relatively urgent ad lib at the end of "Hustle" lend a modicum of excitement to the collection and suggest that Vandross may occasionally have listened to the radio since the mid-1980s.

But it is the gentle, old-fashioned swish of musical perfection laced with positive vibes on numbers like "Little Miracles (Happen Every Day)" and "Emotion Eyes" that leaves the overriding impression.

Ending with the Bee Gees' "How Deep Is Your Love", spliced to "Never Let Me Go", a torch song from the 1950s, may rope in a few Barry Manilow fans, but is hardly going to leave anyone else gasping for more.

BARRY ADAMSON
The Negro Inside Me
(Mute STUMM 120)
SHORT-listed for last year's Mercury Music Prize, Barry Adamson specialises in creating soundtracks for imaginary detective films. This vivid, but all too brief (31-minute) collection is the latest in a line stretching back to "The Man With The Golden Arm", his first single, released in 1988.

With their noirish intros and bold, blaring themes, instrumental numbers such as "Dead Heat" and "Busted (Michaelangelo Version)" conjure visions of dark, rainswept alleyways running between multi-storey buildings peopled by a cast of characters with the text of a Raymond Chandler story running through their heads.

"The Snowball Effect" incorporates a (real life?) answerphone message from Adamson's publicist setting out his interview schedule, while "A Perfectly Natural Union" sounds like it could have been written for a cigar advert. The inclusion of Serge Gainsbourg's heavy breathing epic "Je T'Aime . . . Moi Non Plus" adds a not incongruous twist to a distinctive and highly evocative piece of work.

DODGY
The Dodgy Album
(A&M 540 082)
DODGY are an exuberant three-piece from Kingston upon Thames, whose debut bears the classic hallmarks of the English indie band in full flight (the fact that they are signed to a major label is neither here nor there).

The drummer, Mathew Priest, clatters about busily, usually racing slightly ahead of the beat. Guitarist Andy Miller's chord sequences emerge with chiming flourishes. And bassist-vocalist Nigel Clark traces strong-ish melodies in a voice which distantly echoes the great English singer of the past, from Ray Davies to John Lennon. The album's charm is infectious.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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2	Automatic for the People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
3	No Limits	2 Unlimited (PWL Continental)
4	Kamakiriad	Donald Fagen (Reprise)
5	Too Long In Exile	Van Morrison (Exile)
6	Unplugged . . . And Seated	Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers)
7	Pocket Full of Kryptonite	Spin Doctors (Epic)
8	Dream Harder	Waterboys (Geffen)
9	Fate of Nations	Robert Plant (Es Paranza)
10	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M PM)

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CONCERT

Mary, Mary far too contrary

Mary J. Blige
Hammersmith Apollo

WHEN her name first appeared near the top of the *Billboard* album charts some months ago, the uninitiated could be forgiven for thinking Blige was yet another in the seemingly unending line of flaxen-haired country stars being launched on to the American market.

In fact, the talented newcomer was born in the Bronx, not the Texan backwoods, and her album, *What's The 411?* represents the most significant and exciting black music debut of the year.

Although ignored by mainstream radio here, awareness of her highly original and super-confident style — based on a mutant hybrid of hardcore r'n'b, hip-hop and soul — has yet to spread to white audiences. Yet such is her following that on this, the first in an extraordinary four-night residency at the Apollo, crowds of dressed-to-party but ticketless youths thronged the Hammersmith pavements, participating in the event if not the music.

It is tempting to suggest they were spared a relative disappointment, too. For, on a revue-style bill that featured two support acts, a comedian and assorted MCs, Blige tested the patience even of die-hard fans by taking the stage only at an hour when most acts are half-way through their first encore.

Then, despite the atmosphere of hysteria that greeted her arrival, she performed only three numbers before leaving the stage for an extended break during which her DJs and two lewdly acrobatic dancers sought, none too successfully, to provide a distraction.

Such an approach to her craft was all the more frustrating given that, during this trio of songs, Blige had given a tantalising glimpse of the wonderful vocal gifts hinted at on record. On her rich, knowing revival of the 1975 Rufus hit, "Sweet Thing", she had shown much of the sass and insouciance of the young Chaka Khan, while her clever pastiche of Anita Baker's honeyed, swooping tones on "Love No Limit" betrayed the fact that it was a cover of that soul diva's "Caught Up In The Rapture" which won Blige her recording contract.

Returning to the stage with apologies but no explanation, just at the point when she was in danger of losing her fans' goodwill, she attacked her way through a convincingly tough version of her album's aggressive title track, so proving that there need be no doubt of her ability to deliver the goods live.

Even so, it is far too early in the game for this slight figure in the baseball jacket to be taking the sort of liberties with her audience that would make even the oldest hand blush.

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Dark side of Mercedes

Kevin Eason takes the new Mercedes C-class for a spin to cast some light on its appeal to potential buyers



Looking good: the C-class bodywork is traditionally elegant and carries on the 'family' look for all models in the Mercedes range

There must be some awfully glum chaps locked away in the design studios of Mercedes-Benz. For an hour, those nice men at Merc kept telling me that they wanted more women and young drivers to be attracted to the company's new C-class saloons by jazzier interiors and cuter design.

Outside the conference centre where I was introduced to the virtues of the new model there was the C-class, a car which looked like . . . well, just like a Mercedes. But inside the C-class was the darkest interior since Livingstone penetrated the African jungle.

It was a little difficult to understand which bit of the C-class is going to attract all those new people to Mercedes.

Unfortunately, Mercedes' idea of more cheerful interior design seems to be to weave colourful flashes into the black seat cloth.

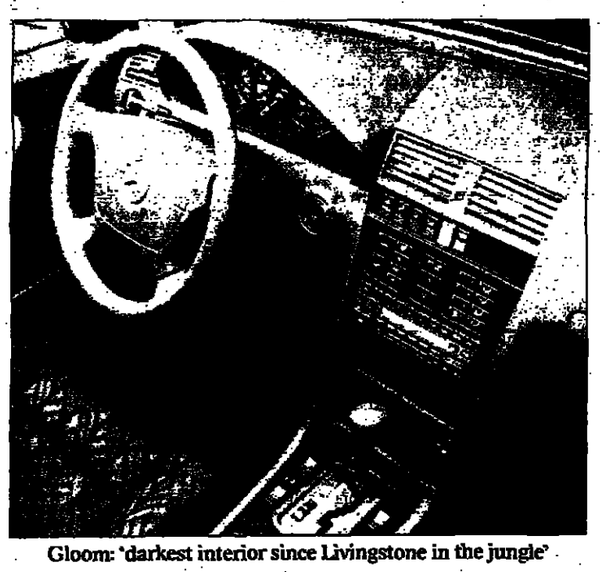
Apart from that, the dominant colour of the passenger cabin is black only lightly offset by black — sort of Conran in the dark influenced by the Co-op funeral parlour.

With the car market becoming so competitive that it has turned into a metal-moving Olympics, every detail now counts and Mercedes simply cannot afford to have the C-class fail.

The company faces a tough year with recession in Germany battering what used to be one of the world's most secure home markets. But with new car sales in Germany dropping rapidly — predicted to fall 17 per cent this year — Mercedes is suffering.

Production is being cut by 60,000 cars this year and 30,000 jobs are scheduled to be shed from the workforce.

When Mercedes launched the big S-class saloons a couple of years ago, there was no question in their minds that this was the finest car in the world. Now that there are parks full of the heavyweight monsters, the confidence has faded and Mercedes is not so sure any more what car buyers are looking for.


Gloom: 'darkest interior since Livingstone in the jungle'

It was once taken as read that every driver's ambition was to climb behind the wheel of a car with the famous three-pointed star. After all, a Mercedes was the best engineered car in the world, the safest, surest bet even if the price was high. But is that still the case? Even Mercedes executives themselves are now admitting that maybe the cars are over-engineered: simply too much metal at too high a cost and at the expense of the little luxuries to which so many drivers have become accustomed.

Devoted Mercedes drivers will love the C-class. There is a wonderful feeling of security in the car: the doors thunk shut, everything fits together beautifully and there is a terrific feeling that everything on this car is going to be reliable.

After that, the driving experience is eminently forgettable. There are seven engines available, including three diesels, in four separate models. I sampled four on roads not far from Mercedes' Stuttgart factory to get a preview of the car which will take over from the 190 series models in Britain from October.

My instant reaction was that the car in any guise is not for driving hard but for pointing along a straight road and letting it cruise on for mile after mile. While the car gets around bends securely enough, the suspension allows the car to roll almost sickeningly, acceleration requires a push on a throttle pedal with a travel so long it feels as though it would be easier to stick your foot directly into the engine compartment and do the job direct.

The manual gearbox is wide and long, which means putting plenty of effort into finding fifth. Driving a 2-litre automatic was frustrating with little progression from the throttle, which required a firm kickdown to get up hills or overtake.

Surprisingly, the best all-rounder of the batch seemed to be the base 1.8-litre petrol car which was the most responsive.

The 2.8-litre Sport version has better acceleration and firmer suspension but I cannot imagine a sports-car enthusiast falling for a model with such a cumbersome gearshift and the nimbleness of Geoff Capes taking the lead in *Swan Lake*.

The body design is elegant and very definitely Mercedes, which underlines the company's progress towards creating a "family" look for its entire range. Or in other words, all the cars look alike.

Then there are those interiors. The dashboard is functional to the point of aggression, the seats are hard as a cardboard sofa, which led to the overwhelming impression that I was in the car not to enjoy myself but to get from A to B. Now here is the rub for Mercedes.

No prices have been announced for Britain yet but the company has to recoup a swing of about 10 per cent in the exchange rate.

Given that the present starting price for the 190 series is £17,300, that presumably means the C-class has got to start at £18,000 and counting, and that is likely to be for a car without the all-singing, all-dancing gadgets so many of us have grown used to.

For £18,000, there are enough luxurious, safe, competent cars on the market to fill the car park at Wembley stadium.

This week, for example, I have been driving the latest Rover, a 620 Sli which is £17,300 in the showrooms — but complete with electric sunroof, alarm and immobiliser, electric windows and remote locking. Only the driver's airbag that the Mercedes has as standard is missing from the Rover, but that will be along later this year.

An admirable BMW 318SE weighs in short of £18,000 — and is that or the Rover really inferior to the Mercedes? I do not think so.

It depends entirely on attitude: some drivers will always swear by the build quality, reliability and safety of a Merc, but new customers might still be difficult to woo to the three-pointed star.

I've got a Yugo and I don't care

Buying a low-price car from a war zone can have many extra hidden costs

I have total sympathy with all the warring factions in what used to be called Yugoslavia, but with all due respect, I have been left in a little pickle. The problem is this: last September I ordered a new white Yugo Tempo, an act which brought much merriment to people I used to call my friends.

If you think you have heard all the Lada and Skoda jokes, then get a Yugo. You might learn a few more: "What do you say to a Yugo driver with a Rottweiler?" Answer: "What a nice car."

But back to Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. And my Yugo.

The salesman made it quite clear (well, he would wouldn't he?) that the war would have no effect whatsoever on my import because it was assembled with Fiat parts and they come from Italy. Simple.

He also pointed out that, at £2,999, it was the cheapest new car in Britain and that I would never get another deal like it. The depreciation, he stressed, had already been paid for by Yugo of Reading, the dealers.

Unfortunately for me, Yugo of Reading went into liquidation in January . . . I discovered this when I put my car in for its first *real* service — the one you pay for. In other words, after the warranty ran out.

The very nice people who would now service my car were the main Alfa Romeo (Fiat) dealers. They were not in the least embarrassed about working on my Yugo. They also pointed out that the parts may well have been manufactured in Italy, but the body was made in Yugoslavia. They said that future body parts may have to be built in Birmingham and that experts, even as we speak, are trying to solve this problem for Yugo drivers in future. The servicing work on Yugos, of course, takes place behind closed doors by consenting mechanics in private, so they can work on my Tempo next to a £24,000 Alfa Clover Leaf Twin Spark without any smartass comments from Joe Public.

It did not escape my attention that when I arrived to pick up the car after its service, it was nowhere to be seen. They had parked it in a layby 50 yards away. No longer under warranty meant that all costs had to be paid by me: expenses started with the radio, which was clearly permanently tuned-in to Radio Sarajevo during shelling, if the interference was anything to go by. The so-called suppressor kit cost £40 but the racket from the radio is as bad as ever. The dealers explained that as it was "a bottom of the range radio, I could not have expected too much sound quality now could I?" I noticed that the radio is a Blaupunkt ACR 2221, so I will watch for that the next time I buy a Porsche.

The other problem concerned my wife's legs. They are not long enough to stretch to the Yugo's accelerator, footbrake and clutch when the driver's seat shoots backwards.

The seat shot backwards when the car was in motion, giving her and every other driver on the A30 at Egham a nasty shock. Because I cannot do anything about the length of her legs, I had to get the retreating seat rectified at my expense. Now I notice the passenger seat is shooting backwards when the car is in motion, too (though it would be more embarrassing if the seat shot backwards when the car was stationary).

The attendant at the local tip offered to keep the car and give me back the rubbish when I arrived with household refuse. That joyriders and thieves have


Motor pride: Terry Pattinson

ignored it is just something I will have to live with. And if my two student sons will not be seen dead in it, is their loss. They can always walk.

One good thing, though, is that the noise of the Blaupunkt ACR 2221 is now cancelled out by the rattle of the window ledge, which has become loose.

In spite of all this, since October, I have covered 3,444 miles without a breakdown and that, for me, is a "first" in 30 years of motoring.

I am keeping my Tempo and my temper in spite of all the jibes, because it gets me round London and the M25 at the same speeds the other cars are travelling: about 10mph.

Yes, I have been overtaken by a Reliant Robin and have been carved up by a milk float. But I have a Yugo — and I don't care.

TERRY PATTINSON

Toyota takes American plaudits for reliability

TOYOTA has walked away with the honours as manufacturer of the most reliable cars in the influential annual survey carried out by the J. D. Power and Associates group in America.

Toyotas topped almost every category. The Lexus luxury model registered only 66 faults for every 100 cars sold. All Toyotas averaged 74 compared with 167 for Jaguar, Honda at 92, Mercedes 95, Nissan 95, Volvo 100, BMW 127 and Volkswagen 226, according to the league table published in *Automotive News*. Analysts say that in the past, complaints were mainly about engines and gearboxes, but that cars are now so reliable that customers get angry about "loose carpets and switches".

ROADWISE

Mansell leads way

NIGEL MANSELL may have been the star driver but the British were there in force in a number of other ways at last weekend's Indianapolis 500 race in America. All 33 cars in the race were built in Britain, and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders staged an exhibition to show off the nation's abilities in making everything from race cars to bearings.

☐ While Mansell and Co still rely on petrol power, Renault — providers of Formula One world championship-winning engines — are previewing the electric race car of the future. The company has designed a single-seater with a 105mph top speed to try to lose the "sloth-like" image which many have of the electric vehicle.

A yen for prices

EXCHANGE rate swings have claimed another victim, with Mazda announcing average price rises on their cars in Britain of 4.2 per cent. The Japanese company says the increases are forced by the eight-year low in the value of sterling against the yen. Not all models are affected, but the mainstay 323 and 626 ranges both go up.

Last Spiders

A LAST chance to buy the Alfa Romeo Spider comes from Kinghams of Croydon (081-680 0922), which has nine to be decked out in Gran Finale livery for enthusiasts who want to capture the last of the model, now out of production in Italy. Priced at £19,350 and in right-hand-drive, the cars get a discreet plaque to mark their place as the last of the line.

Driven pageantry

CLAIMED to be the "biggest motor show in the world", the Bromley Pageant of Motoring will feature 3,000 cars, from MGs to Bentleys, at Norman Park, Kent, on June 27. including a "tug-a-Land Rover" and a display of classics. Admission is £5 for adults, £2 for children and pensioners.

County count

THE COUNTY with the highest car ownership is Berkshire, according to a transport department survey. The 1992 Vehicle Licensing Statistics showed Berkshire to have 505 cars per thousand of population followed by Wiltshire, with 504. At the other end of the scale, Tyne and Wear has only 267 cars per thousand.

Good policy

OWNERS of 4x4 vehicles can benefit from lower insurance premiums through a new policy called Countryman from Hill House Hammond. The company says it has designed the policy specifically to meet the needs of off-road vehicles, with premiums as low as £200. Further information on 0742 742742.

Longer life

OWNERS of ailing old Land Rovers can give their trusty workhorses a new lease of life with new engines. The 200 Tdi turbo-diesel engine used in new Defenders and Range Rovers can now be transplanted into older vehicles after some nifty design work at the company's Solihull base. Ninety and One Ten Land Rovers up to ten years old and Range Rovers from 1986 can use the new power unit, which costs about £4,500.

Ferry reassuring

PANIC sets in when some drivers reach the other side of the Channel. Stena Sealink says it sees dozens of motorists leave its ferries and then get into a terrible muddle trying to remember which side of the road to drive on. They forget their documents, drive on the left, get confused by the "priority on the right" system at roundabouts and do U-turns in one-way streets. As the holiday season arrives, the ferry company is appealing to drivers to check they know what faces them before they set off.



Going in cycles

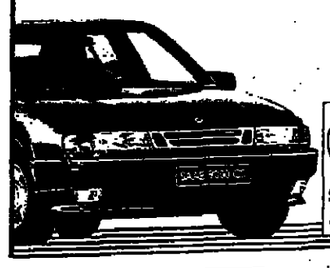
CAR MAKERS have been challenged to match the "ham sandwich" paint finish produced by Dawes Cycles. Barry Forester, Dawes' managing director, says the bicycles get a treatment like a ham sandwich, with a base rustproof primer, a powder paint followed by a high-sheen lacquer to give a covering up to twice as thick as car paint.

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Taylor accepts blame and heads for the New World

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SHOULD he go, or should he stay? Like an unfortunate echo Graham Taylor is asked exactly what he was asked after the European championship failure a year ago. The answer is the same: he says he is not going, he should not be pushed.

It says as much of football supporters as of Taylor that, like lemmings, they all rush towards the precipice the moment England's inadequacies in the game they invented and gave to the world are exposed. Of course Taylor is responsible. Of course he compounded the lack of technical skills and technical awareness bred in League football with his own sudden change in strategy for the World Cup qualifying tie in Norway in Wednesday.

But he accepts that blame. The morning after Oslo he had the pallor of a man who had not slept, the haunted look in his eye that was with him throughout last summer. He tried to sound defiant. "Whatever you write I won't be able to disagree," he said. "This was my team. I have been saying that for six months, and the lack of desire, the lack of passion was absolutely unbelievable to me. I wouldn't say the team quit on me, but I would say it quit on the supporters. I'm here to be shot at, and I have no defence."

Taylor is seldom a man without defence or defenders. One of them, observing from Lisbon, said last night: "Have patience, have hope, and just give the guy a chance." That defender, Bobby Robson, Taylor's predecessor as England manager, added: "It is not the end of the world. We can still qualify, and people have to give Graham Taylor some support."

Fine. Robson sounds more sympathetic than the chairman of England's international committee, Peter Swales, ever was to him. When Swales chose Taylor to succeed Robson, he said: "I'm glad England didn't win the World Cup in 1990, otherwise I'd have been saddled with Robson. He couldn't take the pressure."

Now it will be seen if Swales can accept his share of the pressure with his chosen manager. Or at least it should be seen, if ever the committee men at Lancaster Gate admit their accountability.

It is from their offices that the oversimplified "direct" style of English football is most betrayed. The domestic game is in a situation now, and Wednesday was simply another night of exposure, where even small countries are more advanced in teaching the techniques of the game. The pity is that before the



matches in Poland and Norway England had begun to applaud the movement and imagination in their own leagues. The top three teams in the Premier League all played football; the play-offs were enriched by clubs such as Swindon Town, West Bromwich Albion and Port Vale moving the ball around on the ground, eschewing the long-ball theory that brutalises the game.

Taylor was once accused of rising through the ranks to his present position because he was part of the long-ball structure. He was, but as he tried to change, new reasons were found for which to doubt him. Last year it was that he changed his team and his mind too often; now it is because he allegedly proves too faithful to out-of-form players such as Gascoigne, Walker and Barnes. He is there, as he suggests, to be shot at.

Those who travel in Taylor's company, know that behind the sometimes-thin smile, the apparently jauntiness, he suffers badly. He can be like a puppy so desperate to be liked; he sometimes presents the defensive mechanism of that animal, rolling over and hoping for mercy. He will get none. Too many think the Empire still lives, and assume that the physical, fast game that the English propound will carry on frightening the rest of the world.

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>
> Graham Taylor

Nevertheless, before Taylor departs with his squad to the United States, his insistence that what was lacking in Oslo boiled down to base desire is troubling. He would not countenance that his change of tactics, in defence and midfield and attack, had confused his players. "They believed in the system, they were extremely happy with it," he insisted. He was alarmed more than anything by the fact, or the feeling, that Norway seemed to care more, to want victory more.

When skills are at a premium as much as England's it is truly alarming to suspect that the trusted elite, most of them paid twice the salary of the prime minister, did not care as much as the Norwegians. Observing the performers in the hotel before they reached the stadium, there was confusion and doubt, even if much of it was unspoken. Confuse even basic players, over-complicate their task and their mind, and submission becomes the result.

A confused mind leads to failure. Taylor is capable of overworking himself, and persuading himself that people are with him when in fact they are totally baffled. Taylor, in his playing days a third division defender, could work 24 hours a day and still lack the inner knowledge of an international performer. Arrigo Sacchi, the Italian team manager who joins Taylor in the minority of those who manage national teams without having played in them, disagrees. "You do not need to have been a racehorse to become a jockey," Sacchi says.

In his country, Lazio, having called off their tour to Canada, are contacting Taylor to insist that Gascoigne be excused the American tour, that for his body and mind he needs a full summer break if he is going to recapture anything like his superlative best by the autumn. There would, if the players dared, be a veritable bandwagon to cry off this unnecessary extra work in Boston, Washington and Detroit.

But the wagons are rolling, and those not on them will find no favour with the beleaguered manager who believes that the tour is now even more vital to try to rebuild moral. "Somebody, somewhere has to keep their nerve," Taylor said. A flicker of defiance from the man in charge, a defiance that will now need every ounce of goodwill and belief from his players when the final three qualifying matches begin again in September. Their situation is not yet hopeless, and how cowardly it would be if either Taylor or anyone else sought to bail out before the job was finished.

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GROUP TWO

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England	7	3	3	1	16	6	9
Holland	6	3	2	1	17	8	8
Poland	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Turkey	8	1	1	6	7	17	3
San Marino	8	0	1	7	1	32	1

RESULTS: Norway 10, San Marino 0; Norway 2, Holland 1; Poland 1, Turkey 0; San Marino 0, Norway 2; Holland 2, Poland 2; England 1, Norway 1; Turkey 4, San Marino 1; England 4, Turkey 0; Turkey 1, Holland 3; England 6, San Marino 0; Holland 3, Turkey 1; San Marino 0, Turkey 0; Holland 6, San Marino 0; Turkey 0, England 2; England 2, Holland 2; Norway 3, Turkey 1; Poland 1, San Marino 0; San Marino 0, Poland 3; Poland 1, England 1; Norway 2, England 0.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Jun 8: Holland v Norway. Sept 8: England v Poland. Sept 22: San Marino v Holland, Norway v Poland. Oct 13: Holland v England, Poland v Norway. Oct 27: Turkey v Poland. Nov 10: Turkey v Norway. Nov 18: San Marino v England. Nov 17: Poland v Holland.

Jacklin in vintage form with putter

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

OLD habits die hard. After Tony Jacklin had hit his third shot to within three feet of the flag at the 18th hole at Woburn, he emerged from a stand of pine trees with that familiar grin on his face and giving a wave that looked as regal as the Queen Mother's. Jacklin was back. After a 67, five under par, in the first round of the Dunhill British Masters golf tournament he was one stroke off the lead.

It has been a long time since Jacklin cut the mustard on the European tour. He won his last tournament in 1982, is ten pounds overweight, uses an over-length putter and has an over-age caddie — Geoff Pymar, who is 81. There is a generation who know him only for his successful captaincy of the European Ryder Cup team from 1983 to 1989.

So how was he able to outscore, among others, Nick Faldo (68), and Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle (70), and José María Olazábal (72)? The answer is putting. Jacklin uses a putter named a Pong, the head of which looks like a branding iron and weighs as much as a steam iron. He bought it for $15 in the US last autumn. It's 46 inches long and ugly, but it works. "It's easy to swing" Jacklin said. "With a conventional putter my mind was sending messages that were not being delivered."

Jacklin's eyes are firmly on the seniors' tour, which he can join when he turns 50 in July next year. He is practising as he has not done for nearly 30 years, and it is beginning to pay off for him in a way that it has yet to do for Peter Oosterhuis, his contemporary, for example. Oosterhuis has played five events this season and not yet made a cut.

Jacklin knew something was in the wind when he had a round of 67 at Stoke Poges late last month followed by two good halves in his first two rounds of the PGA at Wentworth. He missed the cut there, but put the time to good use by working with his friend, Peter Green, on correcting a slight swing fault. He was tending to allow the club to cross the line at the top of the backswing.

Green's solution was an alteration at the address. With that change working well and with confidence in his putting, Jacklin is a new man. He has an 18-month-old boy by Astrid, his second wife, and that has not done his spirits any harm, either.

Jacklin hit the ball almost as of old around the wet Duke's course. He was out in 32 and home on the much longer inward nine in 35. It was significant that he holed three putts of 20 feet — and missed a three-footer on the 18th that would have tied him for the lead with Jean Van de Velde, the promising Frenchman who won the Roma Masters in April, and David Feherty. Van de Velde, incidentally, was just four when Jacklin ran away with the 1970 US Open, his second major.

When Jacklin won the Open in 1969 one newspaper put up the headline: "Gentlemen, the toast is Tony Jacklin." Nearly a quarter of a century later, the same could be said again. For Jacklin, it can only get harder from now on, but at least he has been there before and knows what lies in wait for him.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Swinging: Jacklin wields his new putter yesterday

Cambiaso inspires Ellerston victory

BY JOHN WATSON

ELLERSTON White, the Kerry Packer team, galloped through the Dunhill-sponsored six-chukka Queen's Cup polo tournament at Windsor Great Park yesterday with an 11-8 victory against the Alcatel team of John Manconi.

Through 1½ hours of play, the ball was shifted from one end of the pitch to the other with the most astonishing speed, with the fortunes of the teams changing about as quickly.

In the opening chukka, 17-year-old Adolfo Cambiaso, of Ellerston — backed by his fellow ten-goal Argentinian, Gonzalo Pieres — seemed so impossible to mark or overtake that he produced the only goals.

In the second, with Cambiaso having less control of his fresh pony, the guise of chief gladiator was passed on to Picci Alberdi, of Alcatel, who put on three in rapid succession.

Alberdi formed a most effective partnership with his mercurial Chilean No 2, Gabriel Donoso, who plays off a creditable nine handicap.

For the next hour, the battle raged more evenly. By treading-in time, the tally was 4-4 and, at the end of the fifth, 8-8.

It was in the last, for which Ellerston had held back some of their best ponies, that they saved their most decisive play.

Cambiaso accounted for nine of his side's 11 goals, Pieres for the other two. Tarquin Southwell, the Ellerston No 1, who was playing in his first high-goal tournament, gave an excellent account of himself considering his modest handicap.

Kerry Packer, who was riding splendid heavyweight ponies, proved a very reliable back.

Black Bears beat Ellerston Black, 12-7.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, T Southwell (1); 2, A Cambiaso (10); 3, G Pieres (10); back, K Packer (1).
ALCATEL: 1, J H-W Manconi (1); 2, G Donoso (9); 3, A D Alberdi (10), back, I Gonzalez (2).
BLACK BEARS: 1, O Higwood (1); 2, S Merlos (9); 3, P Merlos (9); back, J Dixon (3).
ELLERSTON BLACK: 1, R Williams (2), 2, R Gonzalez (7), 3, C Gracida (10); back, J Packer (3).

Legitimacy of last voyage order

Torvald Klaveness A/S v Arni Maritime Corporation (The Gregos)

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment May 27]

The legitimacy of an order by a charterer for a last voyage under a time-charter should be judged at the date the order was given rather than at the date when it became effective and the vessel was required to comply with it, that is, at or immediately prior to the outset of the final voyage.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Torvald Klaveness A/S, the charterers of the vessel Gregos, against a judgment of Mr Justice Evans on January 31, 1992 in favour of the owners, Arni Maritime Corporation, upholding an arbitration award of Mr Mark Hamsher in the owners' favour.

Mr Bernard Rix, QC, for the appellant charterers; Mr Peter Gross for the respondent owners.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the Gregos was a bulk carrier chartered for a maximum of 70 days and due for re-delivery on March 18, 1988. On February 9 when the vessel was approaching the port of Trombetas, Brazil, it was legitimately instructed to carry a cargo of iron ore from Palau on the Orinoco to Fos, near Marseilles.

The vessel was subsequently delayed by the unforeseen grounding of another vessel and on February 25, when it had given notice of readiness to load and was about to move to its final loading point the owners refused to proceed. By that date, as was common ground, there was no reasonable expectation that the contemplated voyage could be completed in time for re-delivery.

His Lordship reviewed the authorities and concluded that the court was not bound by any of them, and could decide the point on considerations of commercial practicality.

The charterers could normally and prudently need to fix the last voyage either with shippers or sub-charterers far enough in advance to enable the latter to make the necessary arrangements for the delivery of cargo or for taking over the vessel.

If the owners were right, the charterers could not safely enter into such arrangements until the very eve of the final voyage, or if they did they would face the risk that the owners would strike down the voyage at the last moment, leading to a breach of contract on the charterer's part and also defeating the contractual expectations of the shippers or sub-charterers.

Those possibilities, which were not or not fully considered by the arbitrator or the judge, seemed to his Lordship to be contrary to commercial good sense. In his Lordship's view the legitimacy of the last voyage order had to be established at the date when it was given, having regard not only the reasonableness at that date of the estimate of the expected duration of the voyage, but also to the reasonableness at that date of making an estimate at all.

In his Lordship's view it was legitimate to treat silence on the owners' part after the expiry of a reasonable interval for consideration as connoting consent to the order.

An illegitimate last voyage order was not in itself repudiatory, the owner being free to refuse it.

Lord Justice Simon Brown gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Sinclair, Roche & Temperley; Ince & Co.

Stintholder has proprietary right

Brackenbank Lodge Ltd v Peart and Others

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Sir Michael Fox

[Judgment May 27]

The holders of stints on Burnhope Moor, Durham, had a proprietary interest in the land so as to defeat the respondent's claim to hold the moor in freehold. A stint, called a cattlegate, could be either an incorporeal right of grazing or a right to graze on land held in common with other stintholders.

On the proper construction of an award under a private enclosure Act of 1799 (39 Geo III Cap 69) the Burnhope stints were of the second type.

The Court of Appeal so held in in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Olive Peart and seven other stintholders from a decision of Mr Justice Scott on June 13, 1991 that the respondent, Brackenbank Lodge Ltd, had possessory title to the moor against the stintholders.

Miss Sheila Cameron, QC and Mr John Fryer Spedding for the appellants; Mr Peter B. Keenan for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that a number of people, including the respondent, were entered as in the ownership register of common law maintained by Durham Council as owners of stints on or over Burnham Moor. The ownership of the moor, however, remained in dispute.

Brackenbank Lodge claimed to be entitled as freeholder under a conveyance of 1959 from the Church Commissioners. That claim was opposed by the stintholders who were local farmers with registered stintage rights.

The issue turned on the construction of an award of stints on the moor made in 1815 by commissioners appointed under the private 1799 Act.

The word could encompass either a simple right of grazing, an incorporeal stint, or a right to the soil as tenant in common with the other stintholders in shares corresponding to the extent of their stints, a proprietary stint.

The judge below had regarded the stints on Burnhope Moor as incorporeal, and the land as having devolved upon the Crown as *bona vacantia*.

That was not a result which the commissioners could have intended and in their Lordships' view the effect of the award was that the stintholders were awarded proprietary status and became tenants in common of the moor.

Solicitors: Cartmell Shepherd, Penrith; Snowball Tucker & Bibby, Consett.

Use of new written procedure

In re St James's, New Malden

Where upon a petition for a faculty both the petitioners and the opponent party had expressed a desire to use the written representation procedure under rule 25 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Injunctions and Restoration Orders) Rules (SI 1992 No 2884), which had been made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and which had come into force on March 1, 1993, the Chancellor for the diocese of Southwark stated in general terms the appropriate circumstances when, within that diocese, the court would make such an order for a determination on the basis of written representations rather than in open court.

The Chancellor, Mr R. M. K. Gray, QC, sitting in Southwark Consistory Court, so held on May 18 when granting a conditional faculty sought upon a petition dated November 29, 1991 by the incumbent, the Rev Christopher Davies, and the secretary of the parochial church council for the parish church of St James's, New Malden, to refurbish and restore the existing Bryceson pipe organ, against the one outstanding party opponent, Mr M. Davies, a member of the congregation, whose particulars of objection were dated December 9, 1992.

THE CHANCELLOR said that the appropriate circumstances were that the objection was likely to be one where no aesthetic ground was raised; that no proposal was made to alter an existing building; that the basic difference between the parties was one of firmly held opinion rather than a series of disputed facts; that oral evidence and cross-examination was unlikely to add anything to the written representations of the parties; that those written representations contained all the information necessary to a determination of the issues raised by the parties; and that the Chancellor did not consider that any judge's witness was necessary under rule 24 of the 1992 Rules.

Only Court of Appeal can sanction jury enquiry

Regina v McCluskey

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Henry and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment May 27]

When dealing with enquiries relating to the jury, the trial judge was *functus officio* after verdict and sentence, so that such enquiries should only be embarked upon with the consent of the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing an appeal by Kevin McCluskey against his conviction in February 1992 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Verney, Recorder of London and a jury) of manslaughter.

Mr Jeremy Gold, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David Paget and Mr David Spens for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said that after the jury had retired a juror was discovered to have a mobile telephone with him. That was clearly an irregularity but as only one call was made, concerning the juror's business, there was no material irregularity in this particular case.

However, there was one matter which concerned their Lordships which was the fact that the prosecution took it upon themselves to advise that the particulars of the juror should be sought from the courts administrator at the Central Criminal Court and that an independent officer of at least the rank of detective sergeant be appointed to interview the juror, although not in any way that would offend against the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

If it was open to the prosecution to set in train enquiries of individual jurors, then why not the defence? And if the parties might do that, providing that they did not infringe the 1981 Act, why not others?

To permit such enquiries threatened the secrecy of the jury room and the occasions when they were permissible would be rare indeed. It was their Lordships' emphatic view that such enquiries should only be embarked on with the consent of the court and if the judge was *functus officio*, as he would be after verdict and sentence, the consent of the Court of Appeal should be sought.

Solicitors: CPS, Central Courts.

Accessing computer data is not 'use'

Regina v Brown

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment May 28]

Accessing data on a computer did not constitute "use" for the purposes of section 5(2)(b) of the Data Protection Act 1984. It was necessary for an accused to take some steps, beyond merely looking at the data on the computer screen, and to make some use of the information within the ordinary meaning of that word.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Gregory Michael Brown against his conviction in March 1992 at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Waley, QC and a jury) of one count of attempted improper use of personal data and one count of improper use of personal data, contrary to section 5(2)(b), 5(3) and 5(5) of the 1984 Act, for which he was fined £500 on each count with 30 days in default and ordered to pay £1,750 costs.

Section 5 of the 1984 Act provides: "(1) A person shall not hold personal data unless an entry in respect of that person as a data user ... is for the time being contained in the register.

"(2) A person in respect of whom such an entry is contained in the register shall not — ... (b) hold any such data, or use any such data held by him, for any purpose other than the purpose or purposes described in the entry..."

Mr Robin Johnson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Tom Kark for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE LAWS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was a police officer. A friend of his was a debt collector and it was the prosecution case that they were working together, in a company known as Capital Investigations, using or attempting to use data stored in police computers.

A question of construction arose as to the meaning of the word "use" in section 5(2)(b) of the 1984 Act. The purpose of the statute was to protect the interests of private individuals. The term "use" was not defined in the Act and it was therefore necessary to consider its ordinary meaning.

In their Lordships' judgment, it was one thing to access a computer so that one might view information contained therein; it was another thing then to use that information.

The vice at which the term "use" was directed was the vice that would arise when, having accessed the information, the defendant then proceeded, in the ordinary meaning of the word, to make some use of it whether by relying on it for some business affair or for some personal matter.

Steps had to be taken, beyond merely looking at the information, to deploy it in some way. On the facts of the instant case, it was accepted that the appellant did no such thing and therefore his conviction was quashed.

Solicitors: CPS, HQ.

Middlemen liable to confiscation orders

Regina v Simons

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Henry and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment May 27]

For the purposes of making a confiscation order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, where there was a chain of contacts each purchase price was a payment. Such a result could not be avoided by the middle man simply ensuring that his contractual situation was merely that of a postman passing on a payment from consignee to consignor.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal on behalf of the deceased appellant, referred to the court by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, against a confiscation order in the sum of £199,139.35 imposed in October 1989 at Croydon Crown Court by Judge McHale in respect of conviction of five counts of being knowingly concerned in the evasion of a prohibition on the importation of a controlled class B drug and of four counts of being knowingly concerned in the evasion of a prohibition on its exportation.

Mr Steven Kay, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Geoffrey Nice, QC and Mr Simon Browne for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the case had been referred to the court because the appellant's widow had an important material interest in the outcome of the appeal.

It had been argued before the trial judge and again on appeal that in the instant case there was in fact only one "payment" of money from G who acquired and manufactured the drug in Hong Kong to H who sold it in Africa. Admittedly the money was paid by H to the appellant and then paid on by the appellant to G, but the appellant was merely the conduit pipe.

Their Lordships took the view, however, that as Parliament deprived drug dealers of the proceeds of their sales, namely the payments made to them, and not profits made from them, there was no reason why they should treat conduits any differently.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs & Excise.

Coroners' procedure mandatory

Regina v Merseyside Coroner, Ex parte Carr

The procedure in the Coroners Act 1988 and the Coroners Rules (SI 1984 No 552) for the summoning of suitably qualified jurors by the coroner was mandatory.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell) so held on May 28 in a reserved judgment in allowing an application for judicial review brought by Lynda Carr against the decision of Mr Stanley Barter, Merseyside Coroner, of April 9 1992 refusing her application to discharge the jury empanelled on February 26, 1991 and to start the inquest *de novo* into the death of Michael Carr, MP, with a new jury. The court held that the proceedings at the inquest in February and March 1991 were a nullity and ordered a fresh inquest with a different coroner.

Power to extend time for filing affidavit

Middleton v Middleton

The court had power to extend the time for filing an affidavit of the costs and resources of a successful unassisted litigant seeking an order for costs against the Legal Aid Board brought under the Legal Aid Act 1988.

Mr Justice Thorpe so stated in the Family Division on May 25 when allowing an appeal by the husband from the dismissal of his application for costs.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the wife's application for variation of periodical payments had been dismissed. Before the hearing the unassisted husband had written to the board to say that her application was without merit and would be dismissed. The husband then sought his costs.

At the hearing of his application the district judge had dismissed his application on the ground that the court was bound by regulation 142 of the Civil Legal (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 339) which stated: "(a) within 21 days of the adjournment, the unassisted party shall file an affidavit of costs and resources, with any exhibits and supporting documents, together with a copy..."

The district judge considered that he was bound by the regulation. The court had an inherent power to control its own procedure. The Legal Aid Board was a party in the matter. The regulation should not be construed so as to exclude the court. The court had to do justice between the parties.

The appeal would be allowed and remitted to the district judge for rehearing.

Using uncited cases

W v W

If justices, on retiring to consider their decision, were referred by their clerk to cases which had not been cited by the advocates in the case, then before making their decision they should return to court, inform the advocates of the cases and give opportunity for further argument.

Mrs Justice Bracewell so stated on May 27 in the Family Division at the end of her judgment allowing a mother's appeal from a contact order to her child granted by the justices to the grandmother.

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Lapping up milk and ices on Ditchling Beacon



FREUD ON FRIDAY



Pedal power: the Milk Race peloton pushes its way past over the crest of Ditchling Beacon before the admiring eyes of the sport's faithful followers

Ditchling is where the Sussex fields end and the Downs begin; close by is where Celia Johnson sat on a tartan rug during the Battle of Britain scene in *In Which We Serve*, and in the village beneath the Beacon is an inn called The Bull, which received an enthusiastic mention in the *1992 Good Pub Guide*.

We went to Ditchling because on Tuesday the second stage of the Milk Race was due to pass that way and we wished to see what attracts people to such a spectacle. A taxi from Burgess Hill station takes you to the Beacon car park, 800 feet above sea level with stunning views over a hundred square miles of verdant countryside.

The steep, twisting road to the top has high banks on both sides, and having purchased an 80p soft ice-cream cone from a Mr Whippy van, I sucked it on the way down, looking for somewhere to sit among the substantial number of fellow citizens. It was 11 o'clock; the race programme informed us that the riders would come by at 11.50.

When I lived in the Alpes Maritime, my village was a staging post for the Tour de France. Annually, on the appointed day in July, a bevy of acquisitive, female camp followers would take over our bar, examining the illustrated cycling magazines very much as randy men gawp at *Playboy* and *Penthouse*.

"Such thighs . . ." they murmured, looking at the pictures; "Quel pelvis, veritibly le 219 est pour moi."

I seriously considered taking up the sport, but learnt that I was the wrong shape.

We on Ditchling Beacon had no ulterior motives for our presence: we were there to witness men battling with category 2 topography (category 1 is Snowdonia). And we were knowledgeable with it; talked of gear ratios — 24, 26 and 28 are all good numbers to mention — and "when you have it on the last sprocket, you know that's it" appears to be a sound bicycling phrase.

I sat behind Alan, a London bus driver — "During the week I swear at the cyclists and at weekends I join them" — who had brought his frolicsome daughter, Shelley, and her boyfriend, Dave.

Alan's life revolves around cycling; he thinks Chris Lillywhite might win this year, knows all the riders, gets a fix from watching his heroes before going off to road race in Essex.

Young Shelley, who might have met Dave in a chewing-gum shop, is sitting very close to her man, touches him, rubs his face, blows in his ear, decides to sit and bounce on his lap and then gets off . . . after which Dave is grounded for a while.

All around us are healthy looking, nicely-behaved, outdoor type families wearing leisure clothes, carrying garden chairs and picnic baskets. They look down into the valley waiting for the competitors and I read Alan's programme: there are 17 teams of six, 15 of them bear the names of their country — Denmark, Netherlands, Australia etc.; of the other two, Banana Fruit Energy is well sponsored, strong and favoured to win.

Milk Race riders' names are not exactly on everyone's lips. The Australian team includes one called Grant Rice, which sounds like a prayer, while Slovenia's number 134 is Gregor Pus.

Conor Henry, of Ireland — last year's winner — wears the No 1 shirt. He is quietly confident, it says. Stage winners receive £1,000 with £10,000 going to the overall victor when they reach Manchester on June 12. They will, by then, have ridden 1,160 miles, which is even further than a mini-cab driver would clock up for the journey from Tunbridge Wells to the city that just may stage the Olympic Games of 2000.

In France, they close the roads some hours before the advent of the contestants. In Sussex, even after the Milk Race publicity van had come by to announce that the riders will "be here very, very soon", all sorts of unlikely vehicles trundled past, also cyclists hoping to be mistaken for Milk Race riders, pressing their pedals up an incline which seemed to me to be made for leaving the saddle and pushing the bike towards the summit.

And then, after many false alarms, the specks on the road beneath really were team vans and police outriders and the publicity van from which we were handed blue and white Milk flags and vizors.

At 12.02 three cyclists who had gained a substantial lead over their rivals battled past: a Kazakhstani leading a Pole and a New Zealander, straining at the pedals, weaving across the road going at no great pace, and we clapped and said bravo, also "well done" — which the New Zealander probably understood.

Behind them came a motorbike with a platform from which a television cameraman worked and two and a half minutes later, the pack, the peloton: 96 of them, and in the midst number 61, a Dane, pushed number 124, who was Polish; the Pole pushed back.

Ten seconds later, they were off coasting down the far side of the hill, pursued by more team coaches, amongst which were two sad stragglers: Grubbu of Norway and Devenbage of South Africa, for whom hopes of glory must be low.

Alan took Shelley and Dave to Brighton; the Mr Whippy van went to pastures new and half-an-hour after all the excitement there was nothing left on that Sussex hillside but some discarded flags and vizors, an unimportant collection of sweet papers and the faded names of neighbourhood gods inscribed on the road in block capitals: Kelly, Doyle, McKay.

On the way back to Burgess Hill I went into The Bull. They had run out of beer, so we had cider; behind us a woman ordered fish, but they had also run out of fish.

Lillywhite kept in chase by team

By Peter Bryan

CHRIS Lillywhite retained the yellow jersey after the fourth stage of the Milk Race cycle race yesterday, an 85-mile route from Luton to Bury St Edmunds, thanks mainly to the help of his team.

Lillywhite, whose Banana team-mates chased down most of those attempting to break away, was with the leading half dozen when he was stopped in his tracks by a puncture as the race started a circuit of Haverhill. Help was on hand, however, in the shape of Keith Reynolds, who gave Lillywhite his wheel and waited at the roadside for a replacement.

As Lillywhite started a lone chase to join the leaders, the rest of his team dropped behind to pace him back to the peloton. The chase lasted for five miles before regrouping was achieved, only for Shane Sutton, the team captain, to get a puncture. He was to have a further two before the finish but on each occasion he fought his way back to the leaders, as did Reynolds.

The riders made two circuits of Bury St Edmunds; at the start of the first, the Banana team was at the front of the pack and setting a fast tempo to protect Lillywhite's chances in the final dash.

A mile from the finish, Lillywhite lost his place near the front, eventually finishing ninth as Martin van Steen and Paul Konings, of Holland, came home first and second.

Lillywhite's overall lead of 26 seconds from Mark Rendell, of New Zealand, and 30 seconds from Kim Marcussen, of Denmark, remains unchanged. The first 86 riders were credited with the same time of 3hr 4min 4sec, an average speed in excess of 28mph.

RESULT: Fourth stage (Luton to Bury St Edmunds, 85.6 miles): 1, M van Steen (Hol), 3hr 4min 4sec; 2, P Konings (Hol); 3, W Engelbrecht (SA, Southern Sun); 4, H Vogels (Aus); 5, L McKay (Ire); 6, C Rajch (Pol), all same time. Leading Briton: 9, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), same time.

Overall: 1, Lillywhite, 15hr 08mn 49sec; 2, M Randell (NZ), at 26sec; 3, K Marcussen (Den), at 30sec; 4, B Smith (GB, Banana), at 38sec; 5, O Simensen (Nor), at 40sec; 6, A Mizourov (Kaz), at 43sec. Overall team: 1, Banana 45hr 5min 0sec; 2, Denmark, at 9sec; 3, Norway, at 2:50. King of the Mountains: 1, A Mizourov, 32 pts. Sprints: 1, J Mickiewicz (Pol), 16 pts.

TODAY: Fifth stage (Cambridge to Milton Keynes, 73 miles): Start 11am, Bourn 11.22, Ashwell 12.05, Ampthill 12.48, finish 13.53.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

WORLD CUP: European zone: Group one: Scotland 3, Estonia 1. Group two: Norway 2, England 0. Group three: Latvia 1, N Ireland 2; Lithuania 0, Spain 2; Denmark 4, Albania 0. Group four: RCS 5, Romania 2. Group five: Iceland 1, Russia 1. Group six: Sweden 5, Israel 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Toulouse 3, Marseilles 1; Paris Saint-Germain 3, St Etienne 1; Toulon 4, Monaco 6; Lyons 2, Bordeaux 5; Metz 4, Nantes 0; Auxerre 1, Lens 1; Lille 2, Strasbourg 3; Caen 2, Montpellier 5; Valenciennes 1, Sochaux 0; Nimes 0, Le Havre 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 5, Montreal Expos 4; New York Mets 11, Chicago Cubs 3; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Cincinnati Reds 2; Atlanta Braves 5, San Diego Padres 2; San Francisco Giants 3, Florida Marlins 2; St Louis Cardinals 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Colorado Rockies 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 5, Oakland Athletics 2; Seattle Mariners 8, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Kansas City Royals 7, Boston Red Sox 2; Chicago White Sox 10, Detroit Tigers 1; New York Yankees 8, Cleveland Indians 5; Minnesota Twins 6, Texas Rangers 3; Toronto Blue Jays 7, California Angels 6.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Third round: Eastern Conference: Chicago Bulls 97, New York Knicks 94 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 3-2).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Fielding: Durham 162 (P Henderson 63; D Thompson 4-60); Surrey 61-1. Harrow: Middlesex 192-5 (J C Pooley 52) v Leicestershire. Newark: Nottinghamshire 366-8 dec (W A Dessaur 113, M P Dowman 70, M Newell 62 not out; N Podmore 5-98); Derbyshire 36-0. Hove: Sussex 171-7 v Warwickshire. Swansea: Yorkshire 288-7 (S A Kellett 71, A P Grayson 84) v Glamorgan.

Other match: Canterbury: Kent II 335-3 dec (G R Cowdrey 142 not out, D J Fulton 88, R M Ellison 51 not out); England Under-19 XI 19-0.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Aylesbury: Buckinghamshire 197-5 (M J Roberts 92, R R Baigent 66; P S Newman 4-39) and 258-9 (T J A Scriven 94); Staffordshire 221-3 (S J Dean 81, D Cartledge 67) and 84-2. Match drawn. Wisbech: Cambridgeshire 192-8 dec (G W Bostelstone 71 not out) and 8-1; Norfolk 123.

SCHOOLS MATCH: President's XI 63, *St Peter's, York 64-3.*

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Tenth stage (28km time-trial) (Italy unless stated): 1, M Indurain (Sp), 35min 16sec; 2, A de les Cuevas (Fr), at 52sec; 3, M Fondriest, 57; 4, M Argentin, 1min; 5, L Gelli, 1:01; 6, P Ugrumov (Lat), 1:05. Irish placing: 18, S Roche, 1:53. Overall: 1, Indurain, 42hr 16min 51sec; 2, Argentin, at 22sec; 3, Ugrumov, 55; 4, Fondriest, 54; 5, Gelli, 113; 6, De les Cuevas, 1:16. Irish placing: 12, Roche, 2:10.

TOUR OF ASTURIAS: Second stage (17.5km time-trial from Nueva to Llanes): 1, J Nijdam (Hol), 19min 51sec; 2, A Zulle (Switz), at 2sec; 3, E Breukink (Neth), at 5sec. Overall: 1, Zuelle, 5hr 17min 13sec; 2, Breukink, same time; 3, L Jalabert (Fr), at 23sec.

GOLF

DUNHILL BRITISH MASTERS, Woburn: First round (GB and Irs unless stated): 68: J Van de Velde (Fr), D Feherty, 67; A Jacklin, M Mouland, 68; M Davis, R Rafferty, M Roe, N Faldo, J Haeggman (Swe), J M Canizares (Sp), P McGinley, J Payne, 69; R Karlsson (Swe), J Bland (SA), M A Martin (Sp), K Waters, G Brand Jr, B Lane, W Westner (SA), S Torrance, S Tinning (Den); 70: R Goosen (SA), C O'Connor Jr, S Grappasonni (It), M Piñero (Sp), R Chapman, M McNulty (Zimb), M James, J Sewell, S Lyle, D J Russell, B Langer (Ger), G Levenson (SA); 71: C Whitelaw (SA); M Campbell, (NZ), E Romero (Arg), J Townsend (US), J M Canales (Sp), T Level (Fr), M A Jiménez (Sp), S Richardson, P Broadhurst, D Gilford, R Davis (Aus), S McAllister, R Hartmann (US); 72: G Turner (NZ), J M Olazábal (Sp), E Darcy, G Evans, D Clarke, M Harwood (Aus), M Mackenzie, A Oldcorn, A Murray, P Way, D Williams; 73: J Cutos (Sp), P Price, B Gallacher, D Mijovic (Can), P Fowler (Aus), F Lindgren (Swe), D W Basson (SA), P Lawrie, D Silva (Por), P Curry; 74: R Lee, A Sorensen (Den), P Wilson, J Rystrom (Swe), W Player (SA), P Senior (Aus), P-U Johansson (Swe), J Hawkes (SA), R Claydon, A Haye; 75: H Baiocchi (SA), T Chamley, J Hobday (SA); 76: R Drummond, T Gledson (Ger); 77: V Fernandez (Arg), M Ferry (Fr); 79: S Field; 80: M Hallberg (Swe); Retired: P Tarnasinen (US).

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB), 22.75pts avge; 2, B Langer (Ger), 16.79; 3, F Couples, 14.55; 4, G Norman (Aus), 14.44; 5, N Price (Zim), 13.84; 6, J M Olazábal (Sp), 11.93; 7, I Woosnam (GB), 11.78; 8, T Kite, 11.77; 9, P Azinger, 11.38; 10, J Cook 10.80. Other British placing: 14, C Montgomerie, 8.28.

US RYDER CUP STANDINGS: 1, F Couples, 965,800pts; 2, T Kite, 850,000; 3, P Azinger, 667,167; 4, J Cook, 572,500; 5, D Love, 535,000; 6, P Stewart, 502,333; 7, C O'Meara, 506,250; 8, L Janzen, 496,510; 9, C Pavin, 487,500; 10, C Beck, 454,167; 11, J Maggert, 431,250; 12, R Mediate, 428,923; 13, K Clearwater, 418,166; 14, J Gallagher, 417,500; 15, L Mize, 405,230; 16, D Forsman, 382,583; 17, D Edwards, 380,000; 18, T Lehman, 379,286; 19, J Sluman, 370,833; 20, B Faxon, 353,333. (Top 10 qualify, plus two-wild cards).

VOLVO PRO CAPTAIN CHALLENGE (professional names first): 71: Piesington GC (G Furey, B Marsden), Henbury GC (N Riley, R Hill) (Piesington win on countback). 73: Trentham Park GC (J McLeod, J Mountford), North Berwick GC (D Hulsh, D Guy). 74: Sunbridge Park GC (S Cameron, L Toogood), Holywood GC (M Gannon, J Docherty), Alderley Edge (A Sproston, J Yarwood), South Staffs GC (J Rhodes, R Carver).

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS: Bar Golfing Society annual tournament: Second round: P Norris bt S Mottimore, OC 3 and 1; N Sweeney bt D Herbert, 1 hole; Mr Justice Clarke bt M Stephens, at 20th hole; Mr Justice McKinnon bt R Terry, 5 and 4; D McEvoy, QC bt D Weaver, 2 holes; A Bessemer Clark bt M Joy, 4 and 2; A Brough bt D Hunt, QC, 2 holes; M Shaw bt G Shaw, QC, 2 and 1; A Barnett bt M Warren, 8 and 6; Judge Nigel Hague, QC bt S Dent, 3 and 2; M Neill bt G Bark-Jones, 3 and 2; J Slater, QC bt Mr Justice Potter, 3 and 2; J Benson bt G Pollock, QC, 2 holes; Judge Ronnie Livesey, QC bt C Symons, QC, 1 hole; T Higginson bt R Stead, 3 and 2; R Percival bt R Doggett, 3 and 2; R Ansley, QC bt I Glen, 3 and 2; M Cousens bt D Watson, 2 and 1; Mr Justice Buckley bt I Dossy, 2 and 1; J Davies bt J Cartwright, 19th hole; O Saxby bt J Livesey, 3 and 2; I Christie bt G Mollerty, QC, 6 and 5; Mr Justice Connell bt R Leach, 3 and 2; H. H. A Booth, QC bt D Westcott, 2 and 1; G Clough bt R Nelson, QC, 2 holes; R Hayward bt R Scott, 1 hole; R Dyson bt T Cherton, QC, 3 and 2; F Garland-Collins bt G Cottle, 1 hole; T Stevenson bt N Wright, 5 and 3; N Stewart bt R Tully, 1 hole; Sir Michael Davies bt Judge Charles Tilling, 5 and 4; G Cohen bt G Lowman, 3 and 2. Third round: P Norris bt N Sweeney, 3 and 2; Mr Justice Clarke bt Mr Justice McKinnon, 3 and 2; D McEvoy, QC bt A Bessemer Clark, 2 and 1; M Shaw bt A Brough, 6 and 4; A Barnett bt Judge Nigel Hague, QC, 4 and 3; M Neill bt J Slater, QC, 5 and 4; Judge Ronnie Livesey, QC bt J Benson, 3 and 2; R Percival bt T Higginson, 5 and 4; R Ansley, QC bt M Cousens, 6 and 4; J Davies bt Mr Justice Buckley, 6 and 4; O Saxby bt I Christie, 6 and 5; Mr Justice Connell bt H.H. A Booth, QC, 1 hole; R Hayward bt G Clough, 1 hole; R Dyson bt F Garland-Collins, 5 and 4; N Stewart bt T Stevenson, 3 and 2; G Cohen bt Sir Michael Davies, 19th hole.

ORIENTEERING

HELSINKI: Nordic Open Championships: Men (14km): 1, J Tvedt (Nor), 1hr 28min 02sec; 2, P Thoresen (Nor), 1:28:41; 3, R Vestre (Nor), 1:30:13. Women (8.3km): 1, R Bengt Andersen (Nor), 1hr 04min 22sec; 2, E Koskivaara (Fin), 1:05:12; 3, Y Hague (GB), 1:08:35.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Toronto 7, England 40; Namibia B 10, Wales XV 47 (in Windhoek).

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN, Paris: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-0, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt A Huber (Ger), 6-1, 6-1; M-J Fernandez (US) bt A Sánchez-Vicario (Sp), 6-2, 6-2. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger) bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus), 7-6, 6-2. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: L Neiland (Lat) and J Novotna (Czech Rep) bt K Maleeva (Bul) and N Tauziat (Fr), 6-4, 7-6; G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Hol), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; S Cecchini (It) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt L McNeil (US) and R Stubbs (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

BECKENHAM: Direct Line Insurance Championships (GB unless stated): Men's singles: Third round: C Bailey bt D Sapsford 6-3, 6-4; J Morgan (Aus) bt P Rafter (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-4, 6-7, 8-4; G Stafford (SA) bt R Raneberg (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. Fourth round: K Rech (US) bt J Morgan (Aus), 7-6, 6-2. Women's singles: Third round: M Endo (Japan) bt T Price (SA), 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; N Pist (Aus) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Fourth round: K Radford (Aus) bt Endo, 6-4, 6-1; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt Pist, 6-4, 7-5; M Nawrocilova (US) bt M Miyauchi (Japan), 6-0, 6-2; K Boogert (Hol) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.

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OTHER SPORT

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RIPOLIN
(c) The proprietary name of a make of paint. French: C. K. S. Moncrieff, translation of Proust's *Swann's Way*: "My room in the Grand Hôtel de la Plage, the walls of which, washed with ripolin, contained a finer air."

TANGANA
(b) A type of rhythm used in jazz music, origin unknown: "In 1914 Handy published his 'St Louis Blues' with its provocative Tangana rhythm, which is a kind of habanera or tango beat consisting of a dotted quarter, an eighth-note, and two quarter-notes."

TANGA
(b) A bikini made of triangles of material joined by thin ties, specifically the lower half of this, a loincloth, and a garment also worn by men, Portuguese, adapted from the Quimbundo *nianga* loincloth: "Tanga, a pubic covering worn by Indian women, especially in tropical South America and the West Indies. The most common form of tanga today is a beaded apron. Others consist of a small triangle of inner bark."

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Game 6	Sat, September 18	Game 18	Sat, October 16
Game 7	Tues, September 21	Game 19	Tues, October 19
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Game 9	Sat, September 25	Game 21	Sat, October 23
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Englishmen form Lions' heart

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DUNEDIN

FIVE of the England forwards who suffered so badly at the hands of Ireland in March look likely to be at the heart of the British Isles' international XV. Although the Lions management will not commit itself, the side that plays against Otago at Carisbrook here tomorrow must be close to that which will play New Zealand a week later in the first international.

England also provide five backs, their midfield teaming up for the first time on tour, reinforcing the observation made by Ian McGeechan, the coach, before the party arrived in New Zealand, that the contribution of the Englishmen would be crucial to the Lions' success.

Tomorrow Stuart Barnes will renew acquaintance with Col Hawke, the Timaru policeman who refereed the final match of the England B tour last summer. Barnes, who captained England, was so outraged with some of his decisions that he condemned Hawke.

Two players were not considered: Richard Webster needs more time to recover from a strained ankle tendon and Rob Andrew has a strained medial ligament. Although neither injury is critical, the timing is unfortunate. However, Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, said that international places can still be earned against Southland on Tuesday.

"The core of the Test side is playing [against Otago] but there have been no final decisions." Cooke said. "One or two places are still very much either/or." Those places must include loose-head prop, where Jason Leonard maintains a powerful challenge to Nick Popplewell.

Although Otago lost all four of their matches in the Super 10 competition in April and May, their record against touring sides must be respected. They have won three and lost three matches against the Lions and their ranks include five internationals, among them John Timu and Jamie Joseph, who were named yesterday in the New Zealand squad for the first international.

OTAGO: J Timu; A Ball, M Ellis, J Leslie, P Cooke; S Bachop, S Forster; N Moore, D Latta (captain), M Mika, J Joseph, A Rich, G Macpherson, J Kronfield, A Pene.
BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), W Carling (Harlequins), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), D Morris (Orrell); N Popplewell (Greystones), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), M Teague (Moseley), M Bayfield (Northampton), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).
Referee: C Hawke (Canterbury).

NEW ZEALAND SQUAD: Backs: J Timu (Otago), E Clarke (Auckland), F Bunce (North Harbour), W Little (North Harbour), M Cooper (Waikato), V Tuigamala (Auckland), G Fox (Auckland), A Strachan (North Harbour), J Preston (Wellington). Forwards: C Dowd (Auckland), M Allen (Taranaki), O Brown (Auckland), G Dowd (North Harbour), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland), I Jones (North Auckland), R Brooke (Auckland), M Cooksley (Counties), J Joseph (Otago), M Jones (Auckland), Z Brooke (Auckland), A Pene (Otago).

□ Scotland have brought in Gregor Townsend at stand-off half for the international against Tonga in Nuku'alofa tomorrow and have also made changes at wing and full back (Alan Lorimer writes). Both tour full backs, Craig Redpath and Ken Logan, have been selected, the latter on the wing.

SCOTLAND: C Redpath (Melrose); M Monzieff (Gala), S Nichol (Selkirk), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County); G Townsend (Gala), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP, captain); G Isaac (Gala), J Hay (Hawick), S Ferguson (Peebles), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), C Gray (Nottingham), R Scott (London Scottish), I Smith (Gloucester). G Weir (Melrose). Replacements: N Graham (London Scottish), D Wylie (Stewart's Melville FP), B Redpath (Melrose), C Hogg (Melrose), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), P Jones (Gloucester).

TIM BISHOP



Easy reach: Linda Harvey-Wild on the way to beating Nicole Pratt yesterday. She meets Martina Navratilova in the semi-final today

Navratilova looms for Harvey-Wild

BY ALIX RAMSAY

LINDA Harvey-Wild has another chance to steal the limelight today, playing Martina Navratilova in the semi-final of the Direct Line Insurance tennis championships at Beckenham.

Harvey-Wild faced Navratilova on grass at Eastbourne last year, beating her in the second round before going on to reach the final. Then it was an experience to play the nine times Wimbledon champion, but this year Harvey-Wild knows Navratilova will be ready for her.

"I really wanted to play her at Eastbourne," she said. "She's a great player and getting ready to retire and I didn't know if I would get the chance again. But Martina will know what to expect now and I'll have to mix it up more."

Beckenham is a relaxed tournament, with no ranking points at stake to put pressure on the players. After cracking jokes with her coach during her 6-4, 7-6 victory over Nicole Pratt, of Australia, Harvey-Wild is looking forward to her match today.

"Grass suits my game because I like short points," she said. "It suits my temperament, you go for it and a couple of shots later it's all over."

Harvey-Wild, the No 3 seed, will hope to last a little longer than that against Navratilova. "She's so experienced," she said. "She's a great athlete and the top-ten players don't give you any free points."

Navratilova gave no more than a handful of points to Misumi Miyauchi, of Japan, yesterday, taking 40 minutes to ease to victory 6-0, 6-2.

For a woman who claims she would be "shaking in her boots" if she had no grass-court play before Wimbledon, Navratilova is showing no fear now that her feet are planted firmly on the green stuff once more, taking only 131 minutes of competitive play to reach the semi-final.

The No 2 seed, Mana Endo, from Japan, could find no way past Kristine Radford, of Australia, going out 6-4, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Ken Flach, the former Wimbledon doubles champion, disposed of the men's No 4 seed, Jamie Morgan, 7-6, 6-2.

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Medvedev crushes Edberg

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

ANDREI Medvedev has become the star attraction of the French Open tennis championships. No matter how he fares in his semi-final against Sergi Bruguera today, the remarkably composed 18-year-old Ukrainian has already turned the tournament into a showpiece for his precocious talent on court and his engaging personality off it.

On Wednesday evening he played the set of a lifetime, winning it in 17 minutes and allowing Stefan Edberg, the third seed, only seven points. Yesterday he completed a 6-0, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 quarter-final victory before paying tribute to his main inspiration — not his coach, but his coach's son.

Sacha Dolgopolov is four years old and his simplistic, idealistic views appeal to Medvedev. "We've already beaten Stefan in Stuttgart," the youngster told him over breakfast.

"So we'll beat him. Don't worry about Bruguera because you've beaten him the three times you've played against him."

The prospect of ultimately defeating Jim Courier, the favourite, who meets Richard Krajicek in the other semi-final, was described as "tough but possible". Seen through the uncomplicated eyes of a four-year-old, the French title is there for Medvedev's taking and the opinion is shared, albeit more philosophically, by Edberg.

The Swede also believes that Medvedev, ranked twelfth, will soon break into the top five. So, presumably, does Sacha Dolgopolov, though he was unavailable for comment. Accompanied by his mother, he was collecting a visa for the next stage in his travels around the world.

He therefore missed seeing the fulfilment of the first of his three predictions. Medvedev's most damaging weapon was the lob, perfectly disguised and executed eight times. One of them effectively won him the third set when the match was still in the balance.



Medvedev: star attraction

Afterwards Medvedev cleared up the mystery of the 600 missing bottles of Bordeaux, the reward for winning a tournament there last September.

He had been promised them in the spring, but they had not been forthcoming. He has since been told that the prize will be delivered in January.

Medvedev, the eleventh seed and the junior champion here two years ago, recognises that his match against Bruguera, the tenth seed, will be more protracted than it was against Edberg. "His style is completely different," he said. "He puts ten times more spin on the ball than Stefan and he is playing the best tennis of his career."

Their semi-final promises to be close, as does that between Courier and Krajicek, the first Dutchman to reach the last four here since Tom Okker in 1969.

Krajicek has invariably taken the American the full distance whenever they have met. He has beaten him once, on a carpet in Antwerp last year, but Courier is expected to stay in contention for a third successive title here.

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Japan keen to buy more leading British stallions

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE exodus of high-class stallion prospects to Japan is to continue unabated in spite of frustration following the victory of Dancing Brave's son, Commander In Chief, in Wednesday's Derby. Dancing Brave is now based at the Shizunai Stallion Stud in Hokkaido, Japan.

At least one top Newmarket-based stallion is in line to move to the Far East, and Osamu Sugimoto, a London-based director of the Japan Racing Association (JRA), which bought Dancing Brave, confirmed yesterday his organisation has already compiled a short-list for the purchase of "one or two stallions" later in the year.

Sugimoto said: "I can confirm only that we have made inquiries. We have made no deals yet and we will look more closely at it at the beginning of August."

The JRA, funded by the Japanese government through the proceeds of vast betting revenue, is not the only party from that country keen to secure the best of British bloodstock. Private breeders, like the wealthy businessman Zenya Yoshida, are setting up stallion studs of some size.

Yoshida's stallions include two Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winners, Tony Bin and Carroll House, the champion French miler Hector Protector and the champion US racehorse Sunday Silence.

However, the JRA acts principally for the Japanese Bloodstock Breeders' Association (JBBA), which is able to ask for far lower breeding fees than stallions of a similar status on the open market on account of its subsidy. That is why Dancing Brave's fee is Yen1.6 million (£8,000). According to Sugimoto, the asking price would be more than double were the horse in private hands.

Such subsidised activity has drawn plenty of complaints from studs in direct competition. But the JRA-JBBA alliance offers the service to give less wealthy breeders the opportunity to produce a good horse for reasonable money. Consequently, breeders are constantly beating a path to their door.

Given the intense interest in the sport in Japan, and their heavyweight financial resources, British breeders are constantly vulnerable to losing their top stallion prospects. Many breeders here are fighting for their livelihoods, so a generous offer for a stallion showing little initial ability, as Dancing Brave did, is always likely to be accepted.

Of the 40 shares in the Dancing Brave syndicate, only one individual shareholder queried the decision to accept the Japanese offer in the autumn of 1991. "Dancing Brave's first two crops of runners rendered him a spectacular failure," said Robert Acton, director of Shaikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud, where Dancing Brave was based. Shaikh Mohammed bought 12 shares in the horse from his owner, Khaled Abdulla.

Acton explained it would have been a fruitless exercise trying to attract mares to Dancing Brave's court in 1992. "I think we would have found it difficult even if his fee was £5,000," he said. The actual fee was, of course, more than ten times that sum.

No stallion, however brilliant a racehorse, can succeed without the support of the breeding community. Dancing Brave clearly did not have that. "I don't think people in this country realise prize-money in Japan is 25 times what it is here," Acton said. "With the support of their government, they can have what they want."

Dancing Brave was dogged by controversy all his life. His failure to win the Derby in 1986 caused a public outcry and almost certainly precipitated the sacking of his jockey, Greville Starkey. His first year at stud was blighted by a life-threatening illness, and when his first runners appeared, they were decidedly slow.

In the light of all that, we should have been fully prepared for the harsh sting in the tail when he was dispatched, unlamented, to the Far East.

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GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 CELER ET AUDAX SELLING STAKES (£3,027: 7f) (18 runners) SKY

1	2/3-	CALL THE BUREAU 345 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-9	W R Swinburn	11
2	0653	JUST A STEP 13 (CD,F,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-9	J Reid	8
3	0-00	OSBATHORPE 7 (D,G) M Usher 6-9-9	R Pusman	3
4	-040	PRINCE RODNEY 23 (F,G) R Hannon 4-9-9	W Carson	10
5	8508	PRINCE RODNEY 36 (D,G,S) P Butler 5-9-9	S Drowne (7)	12
6	-250	SHALOU 36 (F) R Rodgers 4-9-9	M Roberts	6
7	0089	TURTLE BEACH 13 (D,G) C C Elsey 4-9-9	W Newnes	2
8	000-	BOLD SEIKO 1351 C Nash 4-9-4	T Williams	9
9	00-0	FAIR ENCHANTRESS 20 (B,F) J Bennett 5-9-4	J Quinn	13
10	0061	JUST JAMIE 7 (D,S) G Lewis 3-9-13	B Russell (7)	15
11	0	DISTANT DYNASTY 10 P Howling 3-9-8	L Dettori	17
12	6512	KRAYYAN DAWN 15 R Voorspuy 3-9-8	S Dawson	6
13	-305	SILVER GROOM 7 A Jarvis 3-9-8	D Wright (7)	18
14	-000	BONITA BEE 21 (S) L Holt 3-8-3	A McGlone	14
15	00-0	FIR COPSE 27 D Laing 3-8-3	G Bardwell	1
16	05-	SELECTABLE 377 M Usher 3-8-8	NON-RUNNER	5
17	5030	TEXAS COWGIRL 15 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-8	D Harrison (3)	7
18	0-00	ZINAAB 7 (B) M Madgwick 3-8-3	C Avery	4

7-2 Call The Bureau, 5-1 Just A Step, 11-2 Just Jamie, 6-1 Prince Rodney, 8-1 Krayyan Dawn, 10-1 Silver Groom, 12-1 Texas Cowgirl, 14-1 others.

7.00 AIR CONTAINERS GOLDEN JUBILEE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,640: 1m 2f) (10) SKY

1	45-5	TICKERTY'S GIFT 15 R Hannon 9-7	B Rouse	5
2	4148	ABERDEEN HEATHER 30 (D,S) D Elsworth 9-7	J Williams	3
3	-152	ALYAKOH 17 (S) H Thompson Jones 9-2	R Hills	9
4	-001	SPECIAL DAWN 20 (S) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	2
5	2-00	SECRET ASSIGNMENT 8 C Cyzer 8-10	A Clark	10
6	06-3	EUPHONIC 27 I Balding 8-9	L Dettori	6
7	62-0	JONSALAN 18 T Mills 8-9	W Newnes	1
8	1021	DUVEEN 7 (D,S,S) M Ball 8-4	M Fenton (5)	7
9	-000	LADY RELIC 7 (B) R Voorspuy 7-11	D Harrison (3)	8
10	4000	CHILTERN HUNDREDS 16 W Musson 7-9	J Quinn	4

6-4 Special Dawn, 11-2 Jonsalan, 6-1 Duveen, 7-1 Alyakoh, 8-1 Euphonic, 14-1 Tickerty's Gift, 16-1 Aberdeen Heather, 20-1 others.

7.25 DINAH SHERIDAN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,385: 6f) (10) SKY

1		BRAVE EDGE 8 Hannon 9-0	J Reid	1
2		CRAZY PAVING C Cyzer 9-0	M Roberts	2
3		DANCER POINT 8 Hannon 9-0	A Munro	3
4	0	DUTY TIME 16 J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	8
5		GRANDY BELL M Magnusson 9-0	J Williams	7
6	4	REED MY LIPS 13 P Walwyn 9-0	Paul Eddery	4
7		ROMAN REEL G L Moore 9-0	B Rouse	5
8		RORY GREEK I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	10
9	2	TIMELY EXAMPLE 18 P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	9
10		L'ETAT C'EST MOI Lord Huntingdon 8-9	D Harrison (3)	6

11-10 Timely Example, 4-1 Rory Creek, 8-3 Brave Edge, 6-1 L'Etat C'Est Moi, 12-1 Dancer Point, Duty Time, 16-1 Reed My Lips, 20-1 others.

7.55 WILEY HANDICAP (£3,465: 1m) (10) SKY

1	0-60	MA BELLA LUNA 41 (D,S) J Dunlop 4-10-0	W Carson	5
2	0010	SYLVAN SABRE 20 (V,D,F,S,S) P Mitchell 4-9-5	W Newnes	8
3	55-0	TIFFANY'S CASE 16 (D,S) C Horgan 4-9-5	R Hills	7
4	0002	NORTH ESK 8 (F) D Wilson 4-9-0	M Wigham	4
5	-004	COURT MINSTREL 16 (CD,F) L Holt 4-9-0	J Reid	1
6	50-3	TRIANGLEPOINT 39 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-12	D Harrison (3)	2
7	0433	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 13 (D,G) D Thom 4-8-11	M Roberts	5
8	00-0	LORD OBERON 32 (D,F,S) J Akehurst 5-8-8	T Quinn	9
9	-800	DUTY SERGEANT 29 (B,F,S) M Magnusson 4-8-1	A Munro	3
10	/0-3	LORD ALFIE 9 B Meehan 4-8-0	J Quinn	10

8-4 Lord Alfie, 7-2 Court Minstrel, 5-2 North Esk, 8-1 Captain Marmalade, Tiffany's Case, 12-1 Sylvan Sabre, 14-1 Trianglepoint, 16-1 others.

8.25 EDMUND POCKNELL MEMORIAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,872: 1m 6f) (10)

1	00	RAVENSPUR 30 G Harwood 8-11	M Roberts	5
2	3300	HOSTILE WITNESS 15 R Hannon 9-6	J Reid	9
3	05-4	GALACTIC FURY 9 S Stevens 8-6	M Tebbutt	7
4	3312	MR GENEALOGY 9 (B,BF,F) J White 8-6	W Newnes	6
5	0	DO BE WARE 6 J Pitch-Hayes 8-6	D McCabe (7)	3
6	-306	PENNINE LAD 5 B Gubby 8-5	D Harrison (3)	2
7	0-00	WORKING TITLE 27 J Hills 8-4	R Hills	8
8	1404	PONDERING 7 (V,S) S Dow 8-2	A Munro	10
9	0-00	CHATWORTH GREY 10 P Howling 7-10	J Quinn	4
10	0005	MANON LESCAUT 4 A Jarvis 7-9	D Wright (7)	7

11-8 Pondering, 2-1 Mr Genealogy, 5-1 Hostile Witness, 12-1 Ravenspur, 14-1 Pennine Lad, 16-1 Manon Lescaut, 20-1 others.

8.55 CUCUMBER HANDICAP (£2,880: 5f) (16)

1	0-00	TEMPLE FORTUNE 18 (B,D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-12	R Hills	13
2	1240	LITTLE SABOTEUR 46 (D,BF,S,S) P Makin 4-9-8	A Munro	12
3	2344	MISTER JOLSON 10 (D,BF,F,S,S) R Hodges 4-8-8	W Carson	15
4	00-0	TREASURE TIME 141 (D,F) J White 4-8-8	Dale Gibson	4
5	1502	THE MOBILE OAK 15 (CD,F,S) M McCormack 5-8-5	J Reid	2
6	0100	SERIOUS HURRY 8 (D,F,S) C C Elsey 5-8-5	T Quinn	7
7	00-0	SHADES OF JADE 6 (D,F) J Bridger 5-8-10	S Whitworth	1
8	6-00	SIR CAPTAIN 15 (CD,F,S,S) P Howling 5-8-8	Paul Eddery	14
9	3006	JOE SUGDEN 15 (D,F,S,S) P Howling 5-8-8	L Dettori	9
10	0002	TROMINE 10 (D,F) A Jones 7-8-7	M Roberts	6
11	1410	BARNEZEUX 6 (CD,F,S,S) D Wilson 5-8-7 (7ex)	D McCabe (7)	5
12	0040	LE CHIC 66 (D,F,S) D Chapman 7-8-6	J Williams	11
13	6560	BRIGHT PARAGON 10 (D,S) H Collingridge 4-8-4	J Quinn	8
14	2000	COPPERMILL LAD 15 (CD,F,S) L Holt 10-8-2	Ima Wanda (7)	16
15	0000	SPECTACLE JIM 9 J O'Donoghue 4-8-2	P McCabe (7)	10
16	0-84	BAYNOR BOODMAN 15 P Hedger 3-7-8	C Avery	3

11-2 The Noble Oak, 6-1 Mister Jolson, 7-1 Barnezeux, Training, 8-1 Serious Hurry, 10-1 Little Saboteur, Le Chic, 12-1 Coppermill Lad, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 3 winners from 40 runners, 22.5%; D Wilson, 6 from 36, 22.2%; P Cole, 14 from 74, 18.9%; I Balding, 21 from 114, 18.4%; H Collingridge, 4 from 22, 18.2%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: A Munro, 15 - - - ners from 92 rides, 16.3%; W Carson, 46 from 241, 19.1%; J Reid, 28 from 167, 17.4%; L Dettori, 19 from 120, 15.8%; C Avery, 3 from 19, 15.8%; M Roberts, 22 from 166, 13.3%.

THUNDERER
6.35 Jubilata. 7.05 Copper Mine. 7.35 The Malakarma. 8.05 Court Circular. 8.35 Drumstick. 9.05 Middlewick.
Brian Beel: 7.35 Ellerton Hill.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

6.35 DEALERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,392: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1	4222	WILTOSKI 4 (D,F,S) I Campbell 5-11-10	Mr T Jenks	(5)
2	PP08	SAINT BENET 4 (D,F) K Wingrove 5-11-6	R Fenwick	(5)
3	U254	THE BLUE BOY 24 (D,F,S) Mrs J Reiter 5-11-3	E Tierney	
4	0081	PRIME MOVER 29 (V,D,F) I Campbell 5-11-0	R Campbell	
5	2036	JUBILATA 4 M Ware 5-10-12	C Dennis	(3)
6	3050	SOVEREIGN NICHE 8 (D,S) A Barrow 5-10-7	R Dunwoody	
7	1000	TRENDY AUCTIONEER 4 (V,S) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-6	A Maguire	
8	0U5P	RIP THE CALICO 14 (S) P Burgoyne 5-10-5	I Lawrence	
9	-RPF	CHEQUE BOOK 16 W Musson 5-10-0	W Ellerfield	
10	PP0P	DOTTEREL 4 R Buckingham 5-10-0	W Humphreys	
11	50P5	PRIORY PIPER 23 J Pickering 4-10-0	R Davis	(5)
12	4040	SHARDRA 4 M Barraclough 4-10-0	S McNeill	
13	R06F	KATHY FAIR 35 R Baker 4-10-0	L Harvey	
14	P-4P	ROGEVIC BELLE 29 M Eckley 5-10-0	D Meredith	(3)

3-1 Prime Mover, 7-2 Jubilata, 5-1 Wiltoski, The Blue Boy, 7-1 Saint Benet, 8-1 Trendy Auctioneer, 10-1 Sovereign Niche, 14-1 Priory Piper, 16-1 others.

7.05 HUNT SUPPORTERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,512: 2m 5f 110yd) (3)

1	1511	COPPER MINE 16 (C,F,G,S) D Sherwood 7-12-0	J Osborne	
2	51	IRISH VELVET 16 (F) R Frost 7-11-6	J Frost	
3	U212	JIMMY O'DEA 4 (V,F) T Bill 6-11-6	T Eley	(5)

1-4 Copper Mine, 11-2 Irish Velvet, 6-1 Jimmy O'Dea

7.35 JOHN CORBET CUP CHAMPION NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,610: 3m 4f) (16)

1	R82	BARGAIN AND SALE 16 (B) D Mildy 8-12-0	I Dowrick	(7)
2	P21F	CARRICKMINES 7 (C,F) L Bowles 8-12-0	T Jones	(5)
3	7121	ELLERTON HILL 28 (F,S) Mrs J Brown 10-12-0	N Wilson	(5)
4	0F0-2	EPILENY 15 Miss P Whittle 9-12-0	G Barfoot-Saunt	(7)
5	1121	GOLD SHOT 13 (F,S) P Bowen 7-12-0	T Jenks	(5)
6	2	INDIAN KNIGHT 21 C Grant 8-12-0	T Mitchell	(5)
7	2	INTEC 31 W Dennis 7-12-0	N Moore	(7)
8	0-52	JURAMSTAN 52 J Collett 8-12-0	Miss S Sadler	(7)
9	R0/9	MILITARY TWO STEP 22 Mrs T Elwell 11-12-0	Miss K Holmes	(7)
10	1122	MOORCROFT BOY 22 (BF,6,S) D Nicholson 8-12-0	J Durkan	(3)
11	-1U1	MR MURDOCK 28 (F) H Wellstead 8-12-0	M Miller	(7)
12	2RPU	ROYAL APPROVAL 15 (BF) S Blyth 10-12-0	B Crawford	(7)
13	/95	RUSSIAN LION 6 Mrs F Gray 12-12-0	Miss T Gray	(7)
14	122	THE MALAKARMA 7 (S) Mrs I McNie 7-12-0	I McNie	(3)
15	2-U	PINE LACE 30 G Tarry 8-11-8	G Tarry	(5)
16	P-	FRIENDLY LADY 479 J Grant Cann 9-11-6	Miss P Carling	(5)

3-1 Ellerton Hill, 9-2 Gold Shot, 5-1 Moorcroft Boy, 6-1 The Malakarma, 7-1 Mr Murdock, 8-1 Friendly Lady, 10-1 Indian Knight, 14-1 Carick, 16-1 others.

8.05 YOUNG ENTRY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,968: 2m 110yd) (12)

1	3361	ROC COLOR 8 (B,S) C Brooks 4-12-1 (10ex)	J McCarthy	(5)
2	0PPP	PEACEFUL POLLY 6 M Tate 5-12-0	W Worthington	(3)
3	0421	EXPLORATION 9 (F) K Morgan 6-11-11 (10ex)	A S Smith	
4	0262	COURT CIRCULAR 8 (B,D,S) W Clay 4-11-10	Diane Clay	
5	6381	ASHDREN 4 (D,S) A Hanson 6-11-9 (10lb ex)	S Taylor	(7)
6	4114	FLUIDITY 4 (B,CD,BF,F,S) E Buckley 5-11-7	H Davies	
7	0033	BYZANTINE 4 (B,D,BF,F) G Richards 5-11-2	A Maguire	
8	-651	DERECHEF 21 (CD,F) Mrs J Reiter 8-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	
9	2/2	MOUNT KINABALU 22 S Christian 6-10-13	G Upton	
10	4405	TAILSPIN 5 Mrs J Scrimgeour 5-10-9	W Storey	
11	5P30	LIBERTY JAMES 15 Mrs E Brooks 6-10-0	M Hanlon	
12	PPPU	SUKEY TAWDRY 4 R Bennett 7-10-0	W Ellerfield	

7-2 Exploration, 4-1 Derechef, 6-1 Ashdren, Court Circular, 7-1 Byzantine, 8-1 Roc Colour, Fluidity, 10-1 Mount Kinabalu, 12-1 others.

8.35 SADDLERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,985: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1	PPUP	MY CUP OF TEA 24 (F,S) M Pipe 10-11-12	R Dunwoody	
2	1F11	DRUMSTICK 4 (D,F,S) K Bailey 7-11-8 (7ex)	J Railton	
3	6-P1	CORRARDER 35 (C,F,S) J Old 9-11-4	Mr J Smyth-Osbourne	
4	3P21	VULKORY'S CLOWN 14 (CD,F,S,S) D Brennan 15-10-7	M Brennan	
5	2261	RUFFLES 6 (D,F,S) M Chapman 5-10-7 (7ex)	W Worthington	
6	12U5	SAFETY 4 (D,BF,F,S) J Wilde 6-10-5	N Williamson	
7	5P32	BILL AND COUP 14 (D,F,S) K Morgan 8-10-1	A S Smith	
8	4202	AUMILLAR 4 (V,S,S) D Burchell 5-10-0	D J Burchell	
9	3P83	AUGUST FOLLY 8 (F) R Price 12-10-0	R Davis	(5)
10	U35P	WICKFIELD LAD 20 D Deacon 10-10-0	A Maguire	

7-4 Drumstick, 4-1 Corrarder, 6-1 Ruffles, 7-1 Vulkory's Clown, 8-1 Safety, Bill And Coup, 12-1 My Cup Of Tea, August Folly, 14-1 others.

9.05 WHIPCORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 110yd) (17)

1	0103	KING'S SHILLING 4 (CD,F,S) C Broad 8-11-10	Jacqui Oliver	
2	3100	NO LIGHT 138 (D,S,S) Mrs I McNie 8-11-8	L Harvey	
3	4105	ADMIRALTY WAY 20 (D,S,S) W Clay 7-10-13	Diane Clay	
4	414P	OUR SUMBRIDGE 20 (D,S) C Williams 5-10-13	A Carroll	
5	0134	BIG DIAMOND 4 (V,D,BF,F,S) I Campbell 5-10-8	R Campbell	
6	0-660	CELTIC BOB 7F (D,F,S,S) O O'Neill 13-10-8	V Slattery	(3)
7	5-23	NORDIC FLASH 4 (D,BF,S) T Naughton 6-10-8	A Maguire	
8	-5P6	FACTOTUM 4 (D,F,S) R Akehurst 10-10-0	J Osborne	
9	4421	SAYMORE 35 (D,S) R Hollinshead 7-10-0	N Williamson	
10	6335	BALLERINA ROSE 28 (D,BF,S) D Burchell 8-10-0	D J Burchell	
11	21-4	MIDDLEWICK 13 (CD,G,S) S Christian 8-10-0	D Leahy	(5)
12	6122	MISS EQUILIA 4 (BF,S) M Pitt 7-10-0	T Dascombe	(7)
13	-2064	RAS TIME BELLE 7F (D,F,S) Miss A Wellfield 7-10-0	R Fenwick	(5)
14	4203	MEARCTIC SAY 4 (D,S) T Bill 7-10-0	M Hanlon	(3)
15	00P0	BRIGADIER BILL 15 (D,F) J Wade 8-10-0	P McLoughlin	(7)
16	3365	WILL JAMES 21 (D,F,S,S) C Drew 7-10-0		
17	-404	IT'S ALL OVER NOW 8 (V,D,F) Mrs A King 9-10-0	S McNeill	

4-1 Middlewick, 11-2 Big Diamond, 6-1 Seymore, King's Shilling, 13-2 Miss Equilia, 7-1 Factotum, 8-1 Our Sumbridge, 10-1 Admiralty Way, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 12 winners from 32 runners, 37.5%; Mrs J Reiter, 5 from 14, 35.7%; C Brooks, 7 from 24, 29.2%; D Sherwood, 5 from 18, 27.8%; R Akehurst, 6 from 25, 24%; M Pipe, 19 from 92, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 6 winners from 25 rides, 24%; M A Fitzgerald, 5 from 28, 17.9%; J Osborne, 6 from 35, 17.1%; Diane Clay, 3 from 19, 15.8%; D J Burchell, 6 from 39, 15.2%; A S Smith, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

THE TIMES CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

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June 10 Mason Owen and Partners, Ryl Liverpool 70 players
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June 10 DPSC (UK) Ltd, Royal Automobile Club 36 players
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June 10 Durr Ltd, Coventry 40 players
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Anderson takes over at Barnsley

BY IAN ROSS

TWO first division football clubs yesterday confirmed what had been widely expected when they revealed their new managers. Viv Anderson has been appointed at Barnsley and Alan Smith succeeds Steve Coppell at Crystal Palace.

A third announcement is expected this morning, when Chelsea are likely to name Glenn Hoddle manager. The club has called a news conference at which Hoddle, the former Tottenham Hotspur and England midfield player, should confirm he has left Swindon Town four days after guiding them into the Premier League.

Anderson, 36, who became the first black player to win a full international cap for England, in 1979, replaces Mel Machin, who resigned last month after more than three years in charge.

He moves from Sheffield Wednesday to become player-manager and has brought with him Danny Wilson, the former Northern Ireland international, who is player-coach. Barnsley have paid £200,000 for Wilson. John Dennis, the Barnsley chairman, approached Anderson after Gordon Strachan, Leeds United's former Scotland midfield player, had rejected the job.

Anderson, who made 30 appearances for England, turned down a new 12-month contract with Wednesday to join Barnsley and has not seen his new club play.

Smith was assistant manager at Palace and had been recommended by Coppell to succeed him. The club did not advertise the position.

Players at Barnet are to meet officials of the newly-promoted second division club today after returning from a holiday in Cyprus to discover that wages and bonuses they were due had not been paid.

Nigel Clough, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, will sign for Liverpool today. Clough is expected to complete the formalities of his transfer before leaving to join up with the England squad for next week's fixtures in the United States.

Livingston may try courts if ban stays

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORTED by scientific argument from Professor Arnold Beckett, 25 years on the International Olympic Committee medical commission, Jason Livingston today has his appeal against a four-year ban for drug abuse heard by a British Athletic Federation (BAF) independent panel.

If the ban is upheld, Livingston is unlikely to let the matter rest and could become the first British athlete to challenge the sport's drugs regulations in court.

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Derby winner given average mark

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

AS THE mystery surrounding Tenby's Epsom failure remained unresolved yesterday, Commander In Chief was officially declared no better than an average winner of the Derby.

Anthony Arkwright, the Jockey Club handicapper with responsibility for middle-distance races, plans to give the son of Dancing Brave a new rating of 127 — only 4lb above that awarded to Quest For Fame, in 1990, who holds the dubious distinction of being rated the worst Derby winner since the classifications began in 1977.

Shergar and Generous have been the best Derby winners in recent years with post-race ratings of 135.

If Arkwright had judged Commander In Chief strictly on the margin of his win over Blue Judge and Blues Traveller, the two 150-1 shots who filled the minor places, the Khaled Abdulla colt would have been by far the worst winner of the Epsom classic with a rating no higher than 111. Instead, he settled for the 14 lengths which separated Bob's Return, the Lingfield Derby Trial winner, and Commander In Chief as a true indicator of his ability.

Barry Hills, who will give Yawl, the Oaks favourite, a canter at Epsom this morning, intends sending third-placed Blues Traveller to France for the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, a race Hills won in 1972 with Rheingold.

Henry Cecil was none the wiser yesterday about Tenby's poor performance although he strongly refuted suggestions that the odds-on favourite might have been doped.

"I have had Tenby scoped this morning and blood-tested him, and everything seems okay with him. I wish I had an explanation."

Arniger will miss the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) at Chantilly on Sunday. "His off-fore shin is slightly jarred, not enough to make me worry about his well-being, but sufficient to not want to risk him," Cecil added. Newton's Law, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, will be the only British runner in the race. Regency, another son of Dancing Brave and also owned by Abdulla, is the Andre Fabre-trained 11-8 favourite with Ladbrokes.

Thierry Jarnet, Fabre's stable jockey, is finding Epsom something of a nightmare course after encountering more difficulties in yesterday's Ever Ready Coronation Cup. Last year, he left the course fuming after encountering all kinds of traffic problems on Subotica, the subsequent Arc winner, when finishing an unlucky fourth.

Yesterday, the talented young Frenchman was in the wars again and was judged to be at fault. In a thrilling finish, Apple Tree finished a head second behind Opera House and a short head in front of Environment Friend. However, following an enquiry, the placings of Apple Tree and Environment Friend were reversed, the stewards concluding that Apple Tree, ridden by Jarnet, had interfered with the third-placed horse.

Bill Gredley, owner of Environment Friend, said: "Michael Hills said we would have won if it had not been for the French horse rolling into him with the jockey's whip waving near his face."

The five-year-old Opera House provided a deserved group one success for Shaikh Mohammed and again showed Michael Stoute's touch with older horses. In recent seasons Rock Hopper and Saddlers' Hall have excelled in top races.

"Opera House is such a competitor. He is as game a horse as I have trained," Stoute said. The Arlington Million and the Eclipse are possible targets.

Gredley is never afraid to innovate and after Environment Friend's bad luck he explained how his five-year-old has been doubling up as a stallion during the winter months. He covered 45 mares, the last one only last week, 40 of whom have been scanned in foal.



JULIAN HERBERT

Late swoop: Peter Davies, left, mastering the nose-banded Powerful Edge at Epsom yesterday

RACE BY RACE

THUNDERER
2.20 Kaydaraj. 2.50 Kinoko. 3.20 Goodbye Millie. 3.50 Coconut Johnny. 4.20 Duplicate. 4.50 Face The Future.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT ON HOME BEND) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 CLIFFE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,231: 5f) (6 runners)

1		BALLARD RINS J Wainwright 8-11	L Charnock 6
2		BOLD TIME MONKEY J Berry 8-11	J Carroll 3
3	26	CERTIFICATE-X 24 M Johnston 8-11	Dean McKeown 1
4	0	COKEY HILLS 20 R Whitaker 8-11	A Culhane 5
5		EVENING FALLS J Spearing 8-11	K Darley 2
6	63	KAYDARAJ 9 M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch 4

10-11 Kaydaraj, 3-1 Certificate-X, 4-1 Bold Time Monkey, 7-1 others.

2.50 LAMBERT TROT HANDICAP
(£3,172: 1m 4f 44yd) (4)

1	-256	BEAWHEEL BILL 6 (S) (D) J Watts 4-10-0	M Birch 2
2	5130	KINOKO 2 (D,B,S) K Hogg 5-8-12	K Darley 1
3	000-	SUPER BLUES 272 T Barron 6-8-0	J Fanning 3
4	00-2	BOLD AMBITION 7 (S) T Kersey 5-7-7	J Lowe 4

7-4 Kinoko, 2-1 Bigwheel Bill, 3-1 Bold Ambition, 11-2 Super Blues.

3.20 RAPIER CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,444: 1m 5f 175yd) (7)

1	5000	ASTRAC TRIO 27 (S) S Norton 8-11	J Carroll 2
2	66-0	DIG IN THE RIBS 18 R Hollinshead 8-10	K Darley 6
3	00	OB BROADWAY 9 Mrs A Swinbank 8-10	J Fanning 1
4	5421	GOODBYE MILLIE 13 (CD,F,6,S) S Norton 8-8	D Pears (5) 4
5	-451	MRS SNUGGS 53 (S) M Tompkins 8-5	S Maloney (7) 5
6	2642	MOUNTAIN WILLOW 8 (BF) Mrs A Swinbank 8-3	J Fortune 7
7	3504	NANCY 8 C W C Elsey 7-11	L Charnock 3

11-8 Goodbye Millie, 9-4 Mr Snuggs, 5-1 Mountain Willow, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; P Cole, 6 from 27, 22.2%; T Barron, 21 from 115, 18.3%; S Norton, 7 from 42, 16.7%; J Berry, 28 from 169, 16.6%; N Tinkler, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

JOCKEYS: D Pears, 7 winners from 35 rides, 20%; J Carroll, 25 from 126, 19.1%; K Darley, 27 from 153, 17.6%; M Birch, 20 from 157, 12.7%; J Fortune, 10 from 80, 12.5%; J Fanning, 12 from 100, 12.0%.

3.50 RONALD FREEMAN JEWELLERS & BREITLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,348: 5f) (6)

1	-116	MAGIC ORB 20 (D,BF,6,S) J Spearing 9-7	Dean McKeown 6
2	6-32	LOCAL HEROINE 15 (D,F) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll 5
3	-022	FIRST OPTION 13 (D,F,6,S) M H Easterby 8-4	K Darley 4
4	-139	CHARITY EXPRESS 14 (CD,B,S) D Cosgrove 8-13	T Lucas 2
5	0-00	CALL ME I'M BLUE 9 (S) N Tinkler 8-10	M Birch 1
6	0-12	COCONUT JOHNNY 8 (S,CD,BF,F,S) G Moore 8-3	J Fanning 3

2-1 Coconut Johnny, 3-1 First Option, 4-1 Local Heroine, 11-2 Call Me I'm Blue, 6-1 Magic Orb, 14-1 Charity Express.

4.20 25th SILVER STREAK RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,534: 1m 4f 44yd) (7)

1	/00	BARGEE 14 W Bentley 4-9-9	R Lappin 1
2	00-0	NASHOON 21 T Kersey 4-9-9	S Maloney (5) 7
3	0603	DUPLICATE 14 M H Easterby 3-8-8	M Birch 2
4	-003	FLAMING MIRACLE 9 (S) P Cole 3-8-6	C Rutter 3
5	-034	SHARE A MOMENT 9 R Hollinshead 3-8-6	K Darley 6
6	0-00	SOLO CHARTER 36 M Tompkins 3-8-6	S Maloney (7) 5
7	4000	TTYRIAN 16 F Lee 3-8-6	S Parks 4

5-4 Duplicate, 2-1 Flaming Miracle, 7-2 Share A Moment, 10-1 Solo Charter, Tyrian, 25-1 Bargee, 33-1 Nashoon.

4.50 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP
(£3,054: 5f 212yd) (12)

1	-622	PARFAIT AMOUR 11 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-9-13	A Culhane 3
2	-435	FACE THE FUTURE 20 P Harris 4-9-12	M Birch 8
3	0564	MASTER POKEY 8 (D,F,6,S) M W Easterby 9-9-12	P Johnson (7) 2
4	6505	MEESON TIMES 14 (V,D,F,6,S) B Ellison 5-9-5	K Darley 9
5	6051	MU-ARRIK 3 (B,D,F) J Wainwright 5-9-3 (4ex)	G Parkin (7) 5
6	5125	SOBERING THOUGHTS 11 (D,BF,S) J Eyre 7-8-2	D Pears (5) 4
7	2212	KILLY'S FILLY 14 (D,S) J Berry 3-8-12	J Carroll 12
8	0690	COMPANY CASH 25 (F,G) R Bastiman 5-8-12	Dean McKeown 7
9	-003	MANX MONARCH 3 K Hogg 3-8-8	A Garth (5) 6
10	-040	BELL LAD 3 C Smith 3-8-8	J Lowe 10
11	0030	DON'T TELL JEAN 13 N Byrnett 3-8-8	L Charnock 11
12	500-	ZINGER 245J (C,6,S) J Johnson 5-7-11	J Fanning 1

7-2 Ma-Arrik, 4-1 Face The Future, Kitty's Filly, 5-1 Parfait Amour, 13-2 Sobering Thoughts, 8-1 Master Pokey, Meeson Times, 14-1 Manx Monarch, 16-1 others.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 3.05 Dyeb. GOODWOOD: 6.30 Bonita Bee, Zhaab 7.00 Lady Reiko. HAYDOCK: 9.15 Coxann.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Shepherd Market. 2.30 Barbouikh. 3.05 Bay Queen. 3.40 DUKE OF EUROLINK (nap). 4.10 Gorinsky. 4.45 Conspicuous

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Bay Queen.
3.40 DUKE OF EUROLINK (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 BODARI.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M, 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 FLEMINGTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,590: 6f) (9 runners)

101	(7)	602	MARCH OF TIME 35 (S) (Mrs D Barker) D Thom 9-0	R Cochrane 95
102	(1)		MORIBYTMARINGER (Rokitsale Ltd) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery —
103	(3)	52	NORTHERN CELADON 32 (R Marchand) M Jarvis 9-0	P Robinson 86
104	(4)	60	PARVASO 20 (G Mazza) P Kelleway 9-0	L Dettori 90
105	(8)	2	PERUSAL 13 (The Winning Team) R Hannon 9-0	J Reid 91
106	(9)		SELHURSTPARK FLYER (C Dreher) J Berry 9-0	Pat Eddery —
107	(5)	3	SHEPHERD MARKET 16 (H Hart) R Armstrong 8-9	L Piggott (5)
108	(2)	0	ASKING FOR ACES 13 (Mrs G Smith) N Callaghan 8-9	T Quinn —
109	(6)	0	STAR SPEEDER 27 (S Pritchard-Gordon) G Lewis 8-9	B Russell (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Shepherd Market, 7-2 Northern Celadon, 4-1 Perusal, 8-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 10-1 others.

1992: SHARP PROD 9-0 S Cauthen (13-8 fav) Lord Huntingdon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARCH OF TIME 2½l 2nd of 23 to Mild Rebuke in a maiden auction at Newmarket (5f, good). NORTHERN CELADON neck 2nd of 11 to Skinners Reprieve in a maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good). PARVASO 7½l 6th of 19 to Prince Baker in a maiden auction at Newbury last time out (5f, good). PERUSAL 5l 2nd of 8 to Straight Arrow in a maiden auction at Lingfield (5f, good to soft). SHEPHERD MARKET 1¼l 3rd of 14 to Zuno Star in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). Selection: NORTHERN CELADON (nap)

2.30 ALBERTA ROSE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,687: 1m 114yd) (7 runners) C4

201	(4)	36	ABBRAAK 38 (BF) (M Abdellah) B Hanbury 8-11	W R Swinburn 99
202	(7)	03	AKHLAK 16 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	W Carson 93
203	(3)	640-22	BARBOUKH 16 (R McCreery) D Elsworth 8-11	Pat Eddery 94
204	(6)	06	EYE WITNESS 32 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	A Munro 80
205	(1)	24-2005	HAZY KAY 16 (T Brady) P Kelleway 8-11	M Roberts 90
206	(5)		KAPUCHKA (F Kalla) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid —
207	(2)	0-25	SEROTINA 8 (Lord & Lady Roborough) W Jarvis 8-11	L Dettori (5)

BETTING: 5-2 Akhlak, 11-4 Barbouikh, 4-1 Kapuchka, 7-1 Eye Witness, 8-1 Serotina, 10-1 others.

1992: HUSSING 8-11 J Reid (8-1) M McCormack 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABBRAAK 7½l 3rd of 14 to Wingert Victory in a maiden at Newbury (7f, good), with AKHLAK 15¾l 12th, BARBOUKH 1l 2nd of 11 to Petroneladi in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm), with AKHLAK (same items) a short-head 3rd. EYE WITNESS 10¾l 5th of 9 to Princess Helle in a maiden at Warwick (1m, good to firm). HAZY KAY 5½l 5th of 10 to Independatel in maiden auction Folkestone (7f, firm). SEROTINA 2½l 2nd of 15 to Zalka to a maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft), with ABBRAAK 7l 6th. Selection: BARBOUKH

3.05 KENILWORTH HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,205: 1m 2f 18yd) (8 runners) C4

301	(2)	40-1121	BAY QUEEN 17 (D,F,S) (B Warren) M Bell 9-7	M Fenton (5)	95
302	(9)	01-855	DYAB 13 (V,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-8	W Carson	96
303	(5)	6224-50	ECU DE FRANCE 30 (BF) (J Darby) J Dunlop 9-6	W Ryan	92
304	(4)	4026-00	TOP PET 27 (F) (Mrs A Valentine) B Akehurst 9-5	T Quinn	(5)
305	(3)	01-33	SCULLER 13 (S) (K Abdulla) N Crisil 9-3	Pat Eddery	97
306	(6)	6250-51	EXHIBIT AIR 29 (D,F) (A Hamrell) R Hannon 9-3	L Piggott	95
307	(1)	4020-01	DON'T JUMP 13 (S) (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-12	P Robinson	91
308	(7)	0-00	FASHIONABLE DANCER 32 (Capt M Lennox) C Britain 8-7	M Roberts	88

BETTING: 13-8 Sculler, 100-30 Bay Queen, 11-2 Exhibit Air, 6-1 Don't Jump, 13-2 Ecu De France, 12-1 Top Pet, 14-1 Dyab, 25-1 Fashionable Dancer

1992: ROYAL SEATON 9-8 J Williams (8-1) B Millman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAY QUEEN beat Akalakh 1½l in a 10-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). Previously, head 2nd of 14 to Major Yasso in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm), with DYAB (9lb better off) 3¼l 5th and ECU DE FRANCE (10lb better off) 5l 7th. TOP PET 13l 9th of 12 to Moon Over Miami in a handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). SCULLER head and neck 3rd to Brigante Di Cielo in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to soft), with DYAB (2lb better off) 1l 5th. EXHIBIT AIR held Carlisle's Guest 2½l in a 14-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). DON'T JUMP beat Miss Stagga 2l in a 9-runner maiden at Ayr (1m, good to soft). FASHIONABLE DANCER 11l 13th of 18 to Diamanche in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good). Selection: BAY QUEEN

GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,6,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form. F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified. Horse's name. Days since last outing: J If lame. F If fit. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 SUN LIFE OF CANADA NORTHERN DANCER RATED HANDICAP
(£11,998: 1m 4f 10yd) (6 runners) C4

401	(6)	0900-13	ROLL A DOLLAR 22 (D,F,S) (K Higson) D Elsworth 7-9-7	B Rouse	97
402	(5)	10120-2	DUKE OF EUROLINK 35 (D,F,S) (Eurolink Group Plc) L Cumani 4-9-3	R Cochrane	96
403	(4)	2411-00	TURGENEV 9 (D,S,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-12	M Roberts	88
404	(1)	000-111	NIGHT CLUBBING 21 (D,F,6,S) (Sheikh Mohamed) R Akehurst 4-8-7	T Quinn	94
405	(3)	462/036	SONG OF SIXPENCE 35 (D,F,6,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-8-7	J Reid	(5)
406	(2)	12223-0	WELSH MILL 34 (S) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7	A Munro	88

Long handicap: Song Of Sixpence 8-4, Welsh Mill 8-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Duke Of Eurolink, 5-2 Night Clubbing, 11-4 Roll A Dollar, 5-1 Turgenev, 8-1 Song Of Sixpence, 14-1 Welsh Mill.

1992: CASTORET 6-7-6 D Harrison (13-2) J Hills 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROLL A DOLLAR 2½l 3rd of 8 to Assessor in the group II Yorkshire Cup at York (1m 6f, good). DUKE OF EUROLINK head 2nd of 6 to Briar Creek in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good), with SONG OF SIXPENCE (1lb better off) 10l 5th. TURGENEV beat Dean 1¼l in a 25-runner handicap at Doncaster on final start last year (1m 5f, good to soft). FASHIONABLE DANCER 11l 13th of 18 to Diamanche in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good). Selection: BAY QUEEN

4.10 TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP
(£5,803: 6f) (11 runners) C4

501	(2)	20-4620	DUPLICITY 13 (D,F,S) (J Khan) L Holt 5-10-0	J Reid	95
502	(5)	00-0030	AUGHFAD 8 (V,D,F,6,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-9-4	J Williams	95
503	(11)	00-0005	BREEM DOLLAR 14 (CD,F,S) (B Azzedoodeh) S Mellor 10-9-4	M Tebbutt	93
504	(3)	00-1155	GORINSKY 16 (D,F,6,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-8-11	L Piggott	92
505	(9)	0-42000	BODARI 2 (F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-8-8	D McDaire (7)	(5)
506	(6)	300-080	BALLASECRET 4 (D,F,6,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-8-8	T Quinn	95
507	(4)	0-12540	RUMPLES GLIMPSE 104 (CD,F,6,S) Miss B Sanders 5-8-6	M Roberts	92
508	(1)	0-33300	ASSIGNMENT 16 (D,F,S) (A Gorrie) J Fitch-Heyes 7-8-5	R Cochrane	94
509	(7)	236540-	ROYAL ROLLER 244 (J Oliver) P McBride 3-8-3	G Bardwell	90
510	(8)	105104	SAMSOLOM 18 (D,F,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 5-7-7	J Quinn	92
511	(10)	2505-56	FAY'S SONG 20 (D,F,S) (S Harper) R Akehurst 5-7-7	D Wright (7)	95

BETTING: 9-2 Fay's Song, 5-1 Duplicity, 7-1 Aughfad, Ballasecret, Gorinsky, Running Glimpse, 8-1 Green Dollar, 10-1 Assignment, 14-1 Bodari, Samsolom, 33-1 Royal Roller.

1992: POETS COVE 4-8-10 S Cauthen (14-1) M McCormack 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUPLICITY 6½l 7th of 9 to Pips Pride in a Rated race at Lingfield (6f, good to soft). Previously, neck 2nd of 14 to Beaubon Abby in a handicap at York (6f, good to soft), with GREEN DOLLAR (8lb better off) 7l 10th. AUGHFAD ½l 3rd of 13 to Castlesea Lad in a handicap at Goodwood on penultimate start (5f, good to firm), with GORINSKY (5lb better off) 4½l 5th. BALLASECRET (5lb better off) 3¼l 5th, BODARI 8th and ASSIGNMENT 9th. GORINSKY 5½l 5th of 17 to Macfarlane in a handicap at York on penultimate start (5f, good). BALLASECRET 2½l 3rd of 11 to Sir Joey in a handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft). FAY'S SONG 6l 6th of 16 to Merrybill Maid in a handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). Selection: DUPLICITY

4.45 KENTUCKY CLASHING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,905: 1m 114yd) (3 runners)

601	(1)	65-2253	CONSPICUOUS 21 (F Salman) P Cole 9-2	A Munro (5)
602	(3)	221334	PIRATES GOLD 29 (B) (E Nott) J White 8-11	Dale Gibson 84
603	(2)	0-44041	QUICK SILVER BOY 25 (D,F) (T Pearson) D Barchell 8-8	J Reid 84

BETTING: 4-7 Conspicuous, 5-2 Quick Silver Boy, 7-2 Pirates Gold.

1992: PLAN AHEAD 7-13 D Harrison (5-4 fav) G Lewis 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONSPICUOUS 5½l 3rd to Redstella in a maiden at Thirsk (1m, soft). Previously, 7¼l 5th of 11 to Stoney Valley in a maiden at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). PIRATES GOLD 3½l 4th of 12 to Fenfield in a claimer at Brighton (7f, firm). QUICK SILVER BOY beat Medican Dancer ¾l in a 21-runner claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). Selection: CONSPICUOUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	4	12	33.3	R Cochrane	12	63	19.0
H Cecil	7	23	30.4	W Carson	16	89	18.0
J Berry	9	35	25.7	M Roberts	17	112	15.2
J Dunlop	4	18	22.2	Pat Eddery	16	105	15.2
L Cumani	4	21	19.0	L Dettori	6	49	15.0
P Walwyn	4	24	16.7	J Reid	9	67	13.4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

EPSOM
C4

2.30: Serotina faded quickly when fancied at Carlisle last week, and Akhlak is preferred after showing improved form at Goodwood when third behind Petonellajill on only her second run.

3.05: Bay Queen may not have stopped improving and, having won twice at Beverley, Michael Bell's filly should be at home here. Sculler and Dyab should both run well following their latest efforts behind Brigante Di Cielo at Lingfield. Expect Fashionable Dancer to improve over this trip.

3.40: Roll A Dollar, a good third in the Yorkshire Cup after winning the Sagaro Stakes, may not appreciate this drop back to 12 furlongs. Night Clubbing is improving fast but Duke Of Eurolink's close second to Brier Creek on his debut reads particularly well.

4.10: Ballasecret is running into form but has shown her best at five furlongs. John Reid's decision to get off Aughfad and ride Duplicity for Jack Holt could be significant. But the booking of Michael Roberts for Running Glimpse catches the eye. The champion jockey finished an excellent second here when he last rode Brooke Sanders's sprinter ten months ago, following an earlier win at Newmarket.

RICHARD EVANS

Ellerton Hill to lift Cup

BY BRIAN BEEL

GOLD Shot, winner of The Times Rising Stars final at Worcester, may find Ellerton Hill difficult to beat in a high-class field for tonight's John Corbett Cup at Stratford. However, little separates the two on a line through Sheer Jest, the only horse to have beaten Ellerton Hill.

Moorcroft Boy is likely to play a prominent part, although his form is little better than that of The Malakarma and Mr Murdock.

Polly Curling rides top West Country point-to-pointer Friendly Lady, who should go well. Indian Knight can be expected to reverse recent placings on this course with Carrickmines.

Although front runners have a poor record in this race, Ellerton Hill gets the vote.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
6.45 Palacegate Sunset. 7.15 Sonderise. 7.45 Shynon. 8.15 Cameo Kirby. 8.45 Mosaic Gold. 9.15 Achelous.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.45 Shynon.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 HALSALL CLAIMING STAKES SKY
(3-Y-O: £2,534: 1m 2f 120yd) (6 runners)

1	6012	RAGGERTY 3 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-4		N Connorton 4
2	-053	PISTOLS AT DAWN 7 R Hannon 9-0		K Darley 2
3	3033	PALACEGATE SUNSET 9 (B,S) J Berry 8-10		J Fortune 6
4		TRANQUIL LADY E Alston 8-6		K Fallon 5
5	6450	ANN HILL 16 (D,6) R Hollinshead 8-1		M Carlisle 3
6	3260	STAPLEFORD LASS 16 (CD,S) S Woods 8-1		W Woods 1

9-4 Palacegate Sunset, 11-4 Pistols At Dawn, 7-2 Raggerty, 11-2 Stapleford Lass, 7-1 Ann Hill, 20-1 Tranquil Lady.

7.15 BURTONWOOD BREWERY HANDICAP
(£3,611: 6f) (14) SKY

1	000/	ALMOST BLUE 953 (6,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0		M Perrett 11
2	0-00	THE AUCTION BIDDER 21 (C,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-8		K Darley 7
3	-000	DARUSSALAM 4 (D,F,6,S) R Lee 6-9-6		A Proctor (5) 3
4	1100	PENNY HASSET 23 (D,F,6,S) M W Easterby 5-9-6		T Lucas 9
5	4150	SONDERISE 7 (CD,6,S) N Tinkler 4-9-5		M Carlisle 8
6	-304	GONDO T (V,C,D,BF,F,6,S) E Alston 6-9-2		K Fallon 14
7	5-03	FLASHY'S SON 9 (D,F,S) M Hammond 5-9-0		G Duffield 5
8	-054	BOURSIN 14 (F,S) P Cole 4-9-13		J Fortune 1
9	0333	LANGUEDOC 4 (D,S,S) M Ware 5-8-12		L Charnock 4
10	10-0	ADMIRALS REALM 21 (D,F) B McMahon 4-8-8		A Mackay 12
11	3025	VELOCE 15 (F) A Bailey 5-8-4		F Norton 13
12	3214	FRANCIS ANN 9 (D,BF,S) Miss L Perratt 5-8-1		R Havlin (7) 2
13	6040	SULLY'S CHOICE 10 (B,D,F,6,S) D Chapman 12-7-9		S Wood 5
14	5004	CHOICE LOT 20 (B,F) A Jones 6-7-7		Claire Balding (7) 10

6-1 Penny Hasset, 13-2 Flashy's Son, 7-1 Sonderise, 8-1 Gondo, Francis Ann, 10-1 Boursin, Sobering Thoughts, Veloce, 12-1 Languedoc, 14-1 others.

7.45 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,590: 1m 6f) (7)

1	055	GUESTWICK 13 J Dunlop 9-7		G Duffield 6
2	2121	SHYNON 13 (S) M Tompkins 9-0		P Robinson 7
3	2223	DOC SPOT 6 J Wilson 8-2		J Fortune 2
4	0222	SAFETY IN NUMBERS 14 Mrs J Ramsden 8-0		K Darley 5
5	000-	DESERT LAUGHTER 228 R Hollinshead 7-11		N Carlisle 3
6	0-54	ROSMARINO 14 C Thornton 7-7		J Fanning 4
7	6531	PAPER DAYS 16 (D,F) P Murphy 7-7		N Adams 1

11-4 Shynon, 7-2 Paper Days, 9-2 Doc Spot, 5-1 Safety In Numbers, 11-2 Guestwick, 8-1 Rosmarino, 20-1 Desert Laughter.

8.15 MAYFIELD GARAGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,366: 1m 30yd) (9)

1	0411	CAMEO KIRBY 4 (D,S,S) A Scott 9-13 (5ex)		J Tate (7) 4
2	-012	NORTHERN CHIEF 21 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 9-5		J Carroll 7
3	000-	VELASCO 269 M Prescott 9-1		G Duffield 3
4	3586	PUBLIC WAY 9 (S) N Chamberlain 8-12		S Webster 8
5	00-1	DANCING DOMINO 13 (S) M H Easterby 8-11		K Darley 5
6	3332	VILAMAR 9 E Alston 8-7		K Fallon 2
7	000	LANZAMAR 13 R Phillips 8-4		C Rutter 6
8	00-0	WHO'S TOM 27 W Musson 8-3		A Mackay 9
9	R232	PERSONMUS 6 J Wilson 7-8		L Charnock 1

9-4 Dancing Domino, 3-1 Cameo Kirby, 9-2 Northern Chief, 7-1 Personmus, 10-1 Vilamar, 16-1 others.

8.45 EBF LANCASHIRE LIFE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,523: 6f) (13)

1		ALPINE JOHNNY R Hollinshead 9-0		S Parks 8
2	5	ALTOBY 20 E Alston 9-0		S Webster 2
3	0	EXTRA BONUS 34 C Wall 9-0		W Woods 4
4	5	FEARLESS WONDER 11 Mrs M Reveley 9-0		K Darley 3
5	0	KILLING TIME 20 R Hannon 9-0		R Raymond 6
6	0	MARINER BOY 41 B McMahon 9-0		J Fortune 7
7	4	MOSAIC GOLD 9 Miss S Hall 9-0		N Connorton 11
8		SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY M H Easterby 9-0		M Birch 12
9		SECRET SERENADE J Glover 9-0		Dean McKeown 13
10	3	STARSPORT 14 J Berry 9-0		J Carroll 5
11	3	SUPER SYMPHONIC 29 M Tompkins 8-0		P Robinson 10
12		TO CROWN IT ALL F Lee 9-0		K Fallon 1
13	6	VEDO NUDO 12 J Dunlop 9-0		G Duffield 9

5-2 Starsport, 9-2 Mosaic Gold, 6-1 Killing Time, 8-1 Fearless Wonder, Super Symphonic, 10-1 Sandmoor Chambray, Vedo Nudo, 16-1 others.

9.15 RED ROSE HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,679: 1m 2f 120yd) (17)

1	-300	DAWN FLIGHT 23 Lady Herries 4-12-0		Mrs M Cowdrey 17
2	3004	SAINT CIEL 7 (CD,F,S) F Jordan 5-11-11		D Duggan 15
3	32/0	SAFE ARRIVAL 82 D Morris 5-11-5		Mrs L Morris (3) 16
4	0000	LUCKY MORE 17 (F,S) G Harwood 5-11-5		Miss A Harwood 3
5	0060	MANXLEADER 51 (L,S) J Norton 4-11-3		G Evans (3) 6
6	-220	THE KARAOKE KING 53 (B,F,S) R Hannon 4-11-3		Mrs J Boggis (3) 11
7	2030	ACHELOUS 9 (S,6,S) J Glover 6-11-3		A Thornton 4
8	3410	GOLD SURPRISE 13 (BF,S) S Kettlewell 4-11-3		Mrs D Kettlewell (3) 8
9	4650	FALCONS DAWN 7 (D,F,S) L Codd 6-11-2		Miss L Eaton 14
10	06-0	YIMKIN BOOKRA 13 W Muir 5-11-2		Miss J Russell (3) 12
11	10/0	STANE STREET 7 (F) R Phillips 5-10-12		Mrs C Dorrwoody (3) 1
12	0-00	VERDANT BOY 8 (F,B,S) M Ware 10-10-11		R D Green (3) 13
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Gower's fiftieth century shows perfect timing

BY JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four: Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 297 for six wickets against Nottinghamshire

WITH a sense of timing as ironical in terms of the Old Trafford Test match as it was immaculate out in the middle at Trent Bridge, David Gower yesterday made 153 runs as only he can make them. It was the fiftieth century of his distinguished career.

He batted for just over five hours on a pitch taking spin, mostly against two good orthodox spinners in the shape of Andy Afford and Michael Field-Buss, and it is some measure of his mastery that only Aymes, of the other Hampshire batsmen, made more than 30.

There was scarcely a blemish in a marvellous innings. The pitch had been used before, for a Sunday league match a little over a week ago, and some wear-and-tear outside the off stump for the left-hander made batting for Gower that much more difficult. Yet Gower, with his soft hands, judgment of length, ability to play the ball late and sweet timing made it all look deceptively easy.

They know their cricket at Nottingham, and Gower's reception after he had fallen, leg-before, playing back to Field-Buss, was a noticeably warm tribute to a man who had made all but 99 of the 252 for six which then stood against Hampshire's name.

In his effortless manner, Gower had hit 19 fours, memorable among them strokes off front and back foot past cover and that casual-looking pull through mid-wicket to the ball barely short of a length.

When Gower plays like this, it is hard to credit that this was his first century since he took 155 off Yorkshire at Basingstoke a year ago.

He has since then spent almost as much time commentating as playing. One thing is certain: his Test match playing days should not yet be over — not by a long chalk.

The upshot of Gower's bravura performance is that Hampshire are in a strong postion — considerably stronger than at one time seemed likely.

Cairns removed Middleton with the fifth ball of the day, so that Gower came in at first wicket down before Hampshire had troubled the scorers.

The first ball of Cairns's next spell saw Morris spoon a catch to cover and at 35 for two, with Afford making the odd ball leap and turn, the outlook was far from bright.

Terry, captaining Hampshire in the absence of Nicholas, whose cracked finger is troubling him, stayed with Gower until the last ball before lunch. Then he was leg-before, padding up extravagantly and not for the first time, to Afford. *By then, Gower had made 68,* after reaching his half-century from 75 balls.

Long into the afternoon went Gower. Three fours — two square drives and a pull — in four balls from Cairns took him from 90 to his century after nearly 3½ hours at the crease.

James helped him to add 64 before losing concentration against Field-Buss. Ayling soon fell to the same bowler and it was left to Aymes, with his solid broadsword, to keep Gower company as patiently and languidly, his concentration unwavering, Gower picked off the bowling.

After bad light had stopped play for the day, half-an-hour early, there was time for a few words from Gower. "All I can do," he said, "is try to be first in line if England feel they need a replacement. But it wasn't a bad reminder, was it?" It was more, much more than that for all those lucky enough to watch him yesterday.

☐ Northamptonshire have awarded David Capel, the former England all-rounder, a benefit next season. Capel, who has played 15 Test matches for England, made his debut for Northamptonshire in 1981 and was capped five years later.

Gamble by Curtis foiled by Fordham

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

AFTER the recent wet spell it was not surprising that most county captains who won the toss yesterday followed Graham Gooch's example and asked the opposition to bat. Like Gooch, two of them spent most of the day regretting they had not taken the alternative option.

Tim Curtis, of Worcestershire, who inserted Northamptonshire at Northampton, was not rewarded with a wicket until Alan Fordham and Nigel Felton, that most reliable of opening partnerships, had put on 152. Fordham went on to complete his first century of the season and was 125 not out at the close, having hit a six and 16 fours while leading Northamptonshire into a commanding position at 252 for two.

Gloucestershire responded to Mark Benson's invitation at Tunbridge Wells with their first century partnership of the season for any wicket, openers Chris Broad and Dean Hodgson putting on 117.

Another worry for the Kent captain was that Martin McCague, the fast bowler many feel will play for England, broke down with a recurrence of hamstring trouble after bowling only 19 balls. Dean Headley brought Kent back into contention with three wickets late in the day which Gloucestershire finished at 221 for five.

One captain who definitely got it right was Nigel Briers, of Leicestershire. Durham, put in at Grace Road, lost their last six wickets for 27 runs in 17 overs, collapsing from a comfortable 133 for three to 160 all out on a damp pitch. To add to Durham's problems, Wayne Larkins was unable to bat again after being struck on the hand by a ball from Winston Benjamin.

David Smith helped Sussex to seize the initiative against Warwickshire at Edgbaston, where 2½ hours of play was lost. Smith, who made an unbeaten 66 out of 159 for two, had a let-off when Allan Donald missed a simple chance at mid-off just before the close.

Derbyshire, who won the toss at Lord's and batted, must have wished they had not done so after being bowled out 168. Angus Fraser, who took three of their wickets, hinted at a return to the form that made him an England regular before injury struck.

A century by Adrian Dale, who put on 139 in 50 overs with Stephen James, helped Glamorgan reach 302 for seven against Yorkshire at Middlesbrough. Dale hit only seven fours, whereas Viv Richards hit six in his 27.

Slater gets off to flying start

Michael Henderson on the Australian batsman given an early chance to shine at the highest level



Opening out: Slater turns the ball off his legs on his way to an impressive 58 on his Test match debut for Australia. Photograph: Ian Stewart

The first and last rule at Old Trafford, someone observed about the time Mark Taylor was moving smartly into the sixties, is bat, bat and bat again. Taylor hardly needed such an invitation although, to provide a sympathetic background to Graham Gooch's decision, Allan Border would have invited England to bat first.

Having been put in, Australia would settle for what they got, with power to add. What separates Australian cricket from English is the little matter (not so little in truth) of will. Taylor and Michael Slater set the tone of the day as surely as Taylor and Border had done at Headingley on the first day of the 1989 series, casting out demons by force of personality.

Taylor batted throughout that summer for 839 runs, so yesterday's innings was little more than a net, albeit a rewarding one for a batsman who might have wondered where his next Test century was coming from. Anyone could have told him — it was coming from England's bowlers.

How well Slater responded to his introduction to Test cricket. But for a poorly-executed pull shot at the longest of hops from DeFreitas, he might have sat in the tub last night adding an additional toast to the celebration for his partner's ninth Test century: "Here's to the first of mine."

If Slater maintains his current rate of progress, it will come sooner than England prefer: only once on this tour has he been dismissed for fewer than 50 in first-class cricket. Apart from the stroke which caused Slater's dismissal, it was hard to recall another which betrayed any sign of the loss of nerve which so often affects the judgment of a player making his Test debut.

Were he to take the sort of liberties others have done, he could be playing for England instead. There are times these days when it seems everyone is English and Slater has more on his side, than, for instance, Martin McCague, Kent's Ulster-born Western Australian, who may get a chance with the new ball before long.

If there is a point of comparison, the name of the man who led Australia's under-19 side three years ago springs to mind. Jason Gallian, who made a match-winning century against Nottinghamshire on Monday, comes down from Oxford University at the end of the month knowing he can play for Lancashire next season as an Englishman.

Gallian's father, Ray, played for Werneth in the Central Lancashire League before he emigrated to Sydney. Gallian Jr stopped off at Werneth on the road to Oxford.

Slater, the son of another Lancastrian — his father Peter played for Rawtenstall — grew up in Wagga Wagga. At 23, the older by a year, he is not young by Australian Test-playing standards. The loss of a year to injury, after a car collided with his bike in 1991, has had something to do with his comparatively late flowering. In English terms, he is in the first flush of youth. Slater came into this game having played only 16 first-class matches, one fewer than in a full English season.

The century he made at Taunton last month was only his fourth. So far he has done nothing to suggest the Australians erred when they picked him for this tour ahead of more established players.

Oh for such freedom from fear in England. Mark Lathwell is gifted, even the selectors admitted, and he could be better still given the chance to justify his gifts. During the one-day internationals he was no more than twelfth man. Here, he is not considered worthy, or at least ready.

Is DeFreitas worthy? After 32 Tests he ought to be but, as everyone knows, his international career has been afflicted by more false trails than a Clouseau investigation. To be called up when Alan Igglesden pulled out, and then given the nod over Mark Ilott, who was a first-choice pick, devalues the selection process.

England stroll after slow start

ENGLAND eased to a 40-7 win over Ontario at Fletcher's Fields, north of Toronto, on their rugby union tour of Canada yesterday. Two tries from Stuart Potter and one each from Mark Greenwood, Nick Beal and Steve Douglas completed a comfortable victory after a sluggish start.

England play Canada in the second international match tomorrow, with Adedayo Adebayo replacing the injured Alan Buzza on the wing.

Robin McBryde, the Wales hooker, who was sent off in the 47-10 win against Namibia B, has received an official reprimand after a brief disciplinary meeting in Windhoek.

Mixed success

Badminton: England's medal hopes now rest with their mixed doubles pair in the world championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Nick Ponting and Gill Clark moved to within one victory of England's first world championship medal since 1987 with a 15-12, 11-15, 15-13 victory over Jan Paulsen and Lotte Olsen, of Denmark, yesterday.

The championships experienced its biggest surprise when the top-seeded All England champion, Heryanto Arbi, of Indonesia, was beaten 9-15, 15-12, 15-3 by Jens Olsson, of Sweden.

Dutch treat

Hockey: After defeating Germany twice in April, the England men face more serious competition in Dublin, where a match against Holland today ushers in the four-nations tournament for the Centenary Trophy. Ireland also play Germany.

Leigh survive

Rugby league: Leigh's survival, for 12 months at least, has been secured after the first division club was given a reprieve on its expulsion from Hilton Park after 47 years. The lease on the ground expired last week but an eviction order has been withdrawn.

Laing fights

Boxing: Kirkland Laing, the former British welterweight champion, will fight Kevin Leushing for the southern area light-middleweight title in Edmonton on June 23.

Induráin's loss

Cycling: Miguel Induráin, of Spain, lost his lead in the Giro d'Italia yesterday as the Italian, Bruno Leali, 35, took the overall lead during the eleventh stage.

Lathwell repeats rescue operation

BY IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (first day of four: Essex won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Somerset

IT IS not in doubt that Somerset have the bowling to keep them on top of the championship table, at least when Andrew Caddick is available. Their batting is another matter. On a pitch that gave considerable help to the seamers, they mustered 202 only through some unlikely hitting by Mushtaq Ahmed, who made 71. They cannot rely on Mark Lathwell to make runs in perpetuity.

Despite not having won a championship match this season, Essex can still make do without Knight or Shahid, promising young batsmen in everyone's estimation. They have been able, too, to leave out Andrew, who took three wickets here at a lively and accurate fast-medium. This is not a county that will be out of sorts for long.

Somerset are, at least, squeezing every run they can out of Lathwell before the inevitable call comes from England. Just as he held together Somerset's first innings against Glamorgan last week, he paid no heed to wickets tumbling about him here.

The ball angled away from the batsman, left or right-handed, accounted for five of the first six batsmen. Foster and Pringle were among the wickets but it was Andrew who removed the two individuals best suited to grinding away in these conditions, Tavaré and Harden.

In his last innings, Tavaré batted for nearly seven hours. Now, he was out without scoring, beaten on the back foot by one that kept excessively low. Fred Trueman, had he been in the commentary box, would have had a field day. There were five catches for Garnham, all pretty straightforward, which would indicate just how awkward batting was.

Yet Lathwell did not err until he hit across the line at Topley shortly before lunch. He batted with soft hands so that anything edged did not carry. He was fortunate, too, in that Prichard did not bother with a third man for much of the morning.

When Mushtaq came in, Somerset were 96 for six and desperately in need of someone not to bother about respecting reputations. After being dropped on four, he did just that. As a batsman, his own reputation is not exceptional — highest Test score 11 — but his strokes were surprisingly orthodox.

He struck 11 fours and a six, high over long-on, before slicing Childs to his compatriot, Salim Malik, at mid-off. The pitch had dried out by the time Essex batted and, despite losing Stephenson, they have made the start to take a first-innings lead today.



Mushtaq: unlikely runs

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst c Garnham b Foster 6
M N Lathwell lbw b Topley 48
R J Harden c Garnham b Andrew 10
*C J Tavaré c Garnham b Andrew 0
N A Folland c Garnham b Foster 4
†N D Burns c Garnham b Pringle 8
G D Rose c Prichard b Andrew 7
Mushtaq Ahmed c Salim Malik b Childs 71
N A Mallender c Stephenson b Topley 12
J I D Kerr not out 19
A P Van Troost b Pringle 1
Extras (b 4, w 2, nb 10) 16
Total (82.1 overs) 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-47, 3-53, 4-80, 5-80, 6-96, 7-98, 8-144, 9-193.

BOWLING: Foster 19-4-40-2; Pringle 20.1-9-29-2; Andrew 20-9-48-3; Topley 14-3-46-2; Stephenson 3-1-22-0; Childs 9-1-13-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

*P J Prichard not out 30
J P Stephenson c Kerr b Rose 32
J J B Lewis not out 9
Extras (lb 1, w 1) 2
Total (1 wkt, 24 overs) 73

Salim Malik, N Hussain, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, T D Topley, S J W Andrew and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52.

BOWLING: Mallender 5-2-15-0; Van Troost 5-0-24-0, Rose 8-1-8-1; Kerr 5-0-21-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 3-2-3-0.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Somerset 1.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and V A Holder.

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 297 runs for six wickets against Nottinghamshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Pollard b Cairns 0
R S M Morris c Randall b Cairns 15
D I Gower lbw b Field-Buss 153
*V P Terry lbw b Afford 26
K D James c Cairns b Field-Buss 25
J R Ayling b Field-Buss 4
†A N Aymes not out 46
S D Udal not out 14
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 1) 14
Total (6 wkts, 108 overs) 297

I J Turner, K J Shine and M Jean-Jacques to bat.

BOWLING: Cairns 20-4-56-2; Pick 11-2-39-0, Mike 11-0-57-0; Afford 34-11-67-1; Field-Buss 23-10-57-3; Crawley 3-0-9-0.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-35, 3-113, 4-177, 5-184, 6-252.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 2, Hampshire 2.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: P R Pollard, D W Randall, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, M A Crawley, C L Cairns, G W Mike, †B N French, R A Pick, M G Field-Buss, J A Afford.

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 399 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis lbw b M P Bicknell 9
S P Titchard c Kersey b M P Bicknell .. 7
N J Speak c Kersey b Benjamin 73
*N H Fairbrother c M P Bicknell b Waqar Younis 9
G D Lloyd c Smith b Benjamin 78
Wasim Akram b Benjamin 60
M Watkinson c and b Benjamin 107
W K Hegg lbw b M P Bicknell 2
P J Martin c M P Bicknell b Waqar Younis 24
G Chapple c Aldham b Smith 6
A A Barnett not out 2
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb2) 15
Total (103.1 overs) 392

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-19, 3-44, 4-163, 5-188, 6-298, 7-301, 8-346, 9-371.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 22-4-85-2, M P Bicknell 30-3-92-3; Benjamin 28.1-5-96-4, Kendrick 12-3-49-0; Thorpe 10-1-47-0; Smith 3-0-13-1.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out 2
R I Alikhan not out 2
Extras 0
Total (no wkt, 3 overs) 4

*M A Lynch, G P Thorpe, A D Brown, A W Smith, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, N M Kendrick, Waqar Younis and J E Benjamin to bat.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 2-1-2-0; Martin 1-0-2-0.

Bonus Points: Surrey 4, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: R Julian and G A Stickley.

Kent v Gloucestershire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (First day of four; Kent won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 221 for five wickets against Kent

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Marsh b Ealham 64
G D Hodgson c Hooper b Headley 75
*A J Wright b Hooper 20
M W Alleyne c Davis b Headley 22
T H C Hancock not out 17
R J Scott lbw b Headley 0
†R C Russell not out 6
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 2, nb 4) 17
Total (5 wkts, 112 overs) 221

A M Smith, K E Cooper, M Davies, C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-117, 2-157, 3-195, 4-208, 5-210.

BOWLING: McCague 3.1-0-9-0; Headley 31-7-68-3; Ealham 28-12-58-1, Davis 17-8-17-0; Hooper 11.5-4-8-1; Fleming 21-5-50-0.

KENT: T R Ward, *M R Benson, N R Taylor, C L Hooper, N J Llong, M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, R P Davis, M A Ealham, M J McCague, D W Headley.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 1, Kent 2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P Willey

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss); Leicestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hands are 149 runs behind Durham.

DURHAM: First Innings

W Larkins ret hurt 4
P W G Parker c Mullally b Parsons 39
I Smith c Robinson b Benjamin 4
P Bainbridge c Benjamin b Potter 22
J A Daley c Benjamin b Potter 37
I T Botham c Nixon b Potter 24
A C Cummins c Potter b Mullally 8
P J Berry c Nixon b Potter 10
†A R Fothergill b Mullally 2
*D A Graveney c Benjamin b Mullally 4
S J E Brown not out 0
Extras (lb 4, nb 2) 6
Total (91.4 overs) 160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-45, 3-95, 4-133, 5-138, 6-154, 7-156, 8-160, 9-160.

BOWLING: Benjamin 19-13-24-1; Mullally 18.4-10-25-3; Parsons 16-6-29-1; Wells 15-5-32-0; Potter 23-7-46-4.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon not out 4
*N E Briers not out 3
Extras (b 2, nb 2) 4
Total (no wkt, 7.4 overs) 11

J J Whitaker, P E Robinson, B F Smith, L Potter, V J Wells, †P A Nixon, W K M Benjamin, G J Parsons and A D Mullally to bat.

BOWLING: Cummins 4-1-5-0; Brown 3.4-1-4-0.

Bonus Points: Durham 0, Leicestershire 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer.

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Middlesex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 86 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Brown b Feltham 33
J E Morris b Fraser 10
T J G O'Gorman c Emburey b Cowans 10
C J Adams lbw b Fraser 53
D G Cork lbw b Feltham 38
F A Griffith c Brown b Feltham 0
M J Vandrau lbw b Feltham 8
†K M Krikken c Weekes b Emburey 3
S J Base c Roseberry b Williams 0
R W Sladdin c Carr b Fraser 1
D E Malcolm not out 7
Extras (lb 3, nb 2) 5
Total (55.3 overs) 168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-49, 3-85, 4-128, 5-131, 6-147, 7-160, 8-160, 9-160.

BOWLING: Williams 14-1-38-1; Fraser 16.3-3-39-3; Cowans 6-0-35-1; Feltham 13-1-48-4; Emburey 6-2-5-1.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Adams b Cork 25
M A Roseberry ret hurt 11
M R Ramprakash c Morris b Malcolm .1
*J D Carr not out 13
J E Emburey not out 11
Extras (lb 1) 1
TOTAL (2 wkts, 33 overs) 72

†K R Brown, P N Weekes, M A Feltham, N F Williams, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-57.

BOWLING: Malcolm 10-1-26-1; Cork 12-2-24-1, Griffith 7-1-14-0; Base 4-1-7-0.

Bonus Points: Derbyshire 0, Middlesex 4.

Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd.

Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss); Northamptonshire have scored 252 for two wickets against Worcestershire.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham not out 125
N A Felton c Lampitt b Haynes 58
R J Bailey b Benjamin 40
*A J Lamb not out 5
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 2, nb 12) 23
Total (2 wkts, 100.5 overs) 252

M B Loye, D J Capel, K M Curran, †D Ripley, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor and N G B Cook to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-152, 2-243.

BOWLING: Benjamin 21.5-4-83-1; Tolley 11-3-33-0, Newport 17-5-49-0; Lampitt 22-5-57-0; Illingworth 16-4-16-0; Haynes 13-3-25-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: *T S Curtis, W P C Weston, A C H Seymour, D A Leatherdale, G R Haynes, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, C M Tolley, K C G Benjamin.

Bonus Points: Northamptonshire 2, Worcestershire 0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and N T Plews

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss); Sussex have scored 159 for two wickets against Warwickshire.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey b Small 6
J W Hall lbw b Smith 42
D M Smith not out 66
*A P Wells not out 33
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 8) 12
TOTAL (2 wkts, 67 overs) 159

K Greenfield, C C Remy, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, A C S Pigott, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-93.

BOWLING: Donald 11-0-54-0; Small 15-8-23-1; Munton 19-7-33-0; Reeve 11-4-25-0; Smith 11-5-20-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, J D Ratcliffe, R G Twose, D P Ostler, T L Penney, *D A Reeve, †M Burns, N M K Smith, G C Small, A A Donald, T A Munton.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

MIDDLESBROUGH (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss); Glamorgan have scored 302 for seven wickets against Yorkshire.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Byas b Jarvis 78
*H Morris c sub b Robinson 29
A Dale c Byas b Stemp 100
M P Maynard c Stemp b Jarvis 3
I V A Richards b Gough 27
P A Cottey c White b Robinson 22
R D B Croft c Moxon b Robinson 3
R P Lefebvre not out 0
C P Metson not out 7
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 22) 35
Total (7 wkts, 110 overs) 302

S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-191, 3-201, 4-247, 5-277, 6-290, 7-295.

BOWLING: Jarvis 17-2-44-2; Gough 20-3-65-1; Robinson 18-2-50-3; White 4-2-8-0; Stemp 26-8-49-1; Batty 25-4-76-0.

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, A A Metcalfe, R B Richardson, D Byas, †R J Blakey, C White, P W Jarvis, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty, M A Robinson.

Bonus Points: Glamorgan 2, Yorkshire 2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Swansea: Yorkshire 316 (A P Grayson 84, S A Kellett 71, S Bastien 4-62); Glamorgan 149 (J R A Williams 54, P Carrick 5-16) and 90-1. Hove: Sussex 266-9 dec (A N Jones 86 not out) and 63-1; Warwickshire 222 (A F Giles 72, N Newman 71). Taunton: Somerset 292 (K Sedgbeer 90, V Clarke 70 not out); Lancashire 84-1. Harrow: Middlesex 304-8 dec (K P Dutch 53 not out, J C Pooley 82, W J Adlam 5-61); Leicestershire 137 (J D R Benson 51; K P Dutch 4-40) and 191-7 (W J Adlam 78, J D R Benson 66, M Keech 4-26). Worthington Simpson, Newark: Nottinghamshire 368-8 dec (W A Dessaur 113, M P Dowman 70, M Newell 62 not out; N Podmore 5-98) and 86-6; Derby 284 (A Roseberry 88, P Bennett 85; R T Bates 6-65).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Wisbech: Cambridgeshire 192-6 dec and 150-8 dec (R A Bunting 5-36); Norfolk 123 and 173-6 (C J Rogers 45). Match drawn.

OTHER MATCH: Canterbury: Kent II 335-3 dec (G R Cowdrey 142 not out, D P Fulton 88, R M Ellison 51 not out) and 22-2; England Under-19 XI 268-9 dec (N Wood 55, R Rollins 50 not out).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (33075)
7.00 Breakfast News (70847297)
9.05 Defenders of the Earth (r) (7637365) **9.25 Activ-8.** Minority activities (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5582029)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8077617) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (7383029) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** Animated version of *The Fox and the Goat* (r) (2332655) **10.35 Cartoon** (7969013) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4689297)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s). Includes, at **12.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (27521891) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72496855)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (96094)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (83414568)
1.50 Cricket. Further live coverage from Old Trafford of the second day's play in the first Test (s). Continues on BBC2 (93827075)
3.50 Pingu (r) (7903742) **3.55 Wildbunch.** Nature series (s) (6859510) **4.10 Babar.** Animated adventures of a regal elephant (r) (9484520) **4.35 Kevin's Cousins.** Last episode of the comedy drama serial (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2050384)
5.00 Newsround (6440907) **5.05 Round the Twist.** Episode eight of the 12-part Australian comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (8094617)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (508407). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (891)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (471). Northern Ireland: Neighbours



Danish guest: Romer and Moller (7.00pm)

7.00 Eldorado. The Svendsens (Nanna Moller, Kim Romer) are shocked by a surprise visitor from Denmark. (Ceefax) (s) (6162)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). 1962 — the year John Glenn orbitted the earth and Marilyn Monroe died. Musical memories are provided by, among others, Cliff Richard, Gene Pitney and Petula Clark (r). (Ceefax) (655)
8.00 Casualty. Holby City hospital's casualty team has problems with an asthmatic seeking revenge, an elderly woman with heart trouble and a love-sick student on opiates (r). (Ceefax) (s) (363655)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (752568)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2181)
9.30 Rides. Drama series about an all-female minicab company. (Ceefax) (s) (732723)
10.20 Film: Murder in the City of Angels (1987) starring George Peppard and Kathryn Harrold: Crime thriller, set in 1940s Los Angeles, where rotten apples in the police department make life tough for the honest officers. Pilot for an unmade TV series. Directed by Steven H. Stern (9209097). Northern Ireland: The Murder of Mary Phagan; Wales: The Slate 10.50 Film: Murder in the City of Angels
11.50 Cricket. Highlights of the second day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (163384)
12.30am Weather (1269698). Northern Ireland and Wales: 12.20-1.00 Cricket

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (4788839)
8.15 Soviet 1929-1933. The story of the controversy surrounding the foundation of Moscow's Museum of Western Art (3123181)
8.20 Dotebusters. A *40 Minutes* documentary about the people who are employed to keep an eye on the unemployed (r). (Ceefax) (6610605)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Moveable Feasts (7645384) **9.15** Inside English (7806549) **9.30** Help Your Child with Reading (3235636) **9.45** Watch (s) (3223891) **10.00** The Geography Programme (6737549) **10.20** Ulster in Focus (2102181) **10.40** Landmarks (2177617) **11.00** Ghostwriter (s) (3487). Wales: Cameo 11.10 Ulster in Focus **11.30** Shakespeare: the Animated Tales. *The Tempest* (Ceefax) (8888)
12.00 English File: Tuesday. See Choice (82365)
12.30 Scene (s) (86487) **1.00** Media Studies for Highers and Modules (35334452) **1.20** Postman Pat (11670425) **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (88676033) **1.40** Beside the Seaside (83496162)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (29254106) **2.15 Jumpcuts** (r) (82343655)
2.20 Golf. Action from the second round of the Dunhill Masters from Woburn. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (330297)
4.00 Cricket and Golf. Further coverage from Woburn and the final session of the second day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (298891)



Fatherhood: Ed Begley Jr, centre (7.00pm)

7.00 Parenthood. A double-length pilot episode of a new American comedy series about family life, based on the hit film of the same name, with Ed Begley Jr in the role played by Steve Martin. (Ceefax) (s) (254487)
7.45 What the Papers Say presented by David Rose of *The Observer* (431758)
8.00 Public Eye: Fields of Darkness. John McGhie investigates the horrifying phenomenon of babies being born without eyes (3452)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Dahlias. (Ceefax) (s) (5487)
9.00 The Real McCoy. Comedy from Britain's leading black talent (2033)
9.30 One Foot in the Past (s). See Choice (93723)
10.00 Have I Got News For You. Angus Deayton hosts the last in the series of the irreverent news quiz. With Ian Hislop, Paul Merton and Tony Slattery (s) (63094)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (749433)
11.15 Later with Jools Holland. The guests include Suede, Charles and Eddie and the band Fishbone (s) (913181) **12.05 Weather** (9072969)
12.10 Rock Docs. An *Arena* profile of the country music star Tammy Wynette, first shown in 1987. (Ceefax) (4829563). Ends at **1.20**

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CHOICE



Relationships: Peck, Morse, Chaplin (BBC2, noon)

English File: Tuesday
BBC2, noon

Schools broadcasting makes its contribution to the BBC2 *Crime and Punishment* season with a three-part drama from Edward Bond. Just what crime and what punishment will have to await future episodes but meanwhile the scenario is screwing up the tension nicely. In the quiet of her bedroom teenager Irene (Natalie Morse) swots for exams. In roars soldier boyfriend Brian (Ben Chaplin) who announces that he has just deserted. But he will not say why, neither to Irene nor to her volatile unemployed dad (Bob Peck). Intended by the author as a study of important basic relationships, *Tuesday* should admirably fulfil its purpose of provoking discussion in the classroom while providing plenty for adults to ponder as well.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 9.30pm

Kirsty Wark hosts what is claimed to be the first television magazine devoted to debates about Britain's heritage. A sample of items from the six programmes suggest a lively format, with plenty of celebrity input. Lord Healey sings the praises of Bolton Abbey in Yorkshire. Beryl Bainbridge describes her favourite view, and you may think it is not a very scenic one. The effusive Lucinda Lambton goes down a Victorian sewer and another favourite TV eccentric, Loyd Grossman, vents his eccentric vowels on the hot topic of pebbledashed houses. Tonight's main item examines the charge that the architectural splendour of Britain's churches is being sacrificed to make the buildings more palatable to modern congregations.

Stay Lucky: Flameproof and Free
ITV, 9.00pm

Dennis Waterman's cockney ducker and diver is out of prison and all set for a new series of the Yorkshire-based comedy-drama from *The Bill*'s creator Geoff McQueen. Since *Stay Lucky* was last on the air there has been a change of leading lady. Jan Francis, or rather her character, has departed for another man. Poor Thomas is so distraught that his nose starts dripping. But not for long. Propelled by the plot to visit a steam museum he is soon confronting a forthright blonde (Susan George) who wears the shortest of skirts and has a tattoo on her bottom. Meanwhile Thomas is on the sharp end of a nasty played by Jimmy Nail's boss in *Spender*. It is very lightweight stuff, but enjoyable if you are in the mood.

Roseanne
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The main interest tonight is a guest appearance by Joan Collins, of all people, as Roseanne's long-lost and much-disliked cousin. It is not a bad wheeze pitting the dumpy proletarian matriarch against the overdressed queen of soap and it works surprisingly well. The running joke is that cousin Ronnie, now a New York fashion editor, refused to have Roseanne as her bridesmaid 25 years ago and Roseanne still bears the grudge. It is the cue for an exchange of bitchy one-liners in which Collins, competing with a mistress of the craft, is by no means upstaged. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include comedian Frank Carson (7097108)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (8116162) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7296549)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a teenager with an alien father. Starring Doug McClure (r) (s) (41433)
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine (32436636)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (r) (s) (5774704)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1748452) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (92220164)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (428452) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (427723)
2.15 Life Goes On. American comedy drama series (9758365)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2338013) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2337384) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented for the final time by Bob Holness (s) (7417520)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (7998810) **3.55 Grotbags** (r) (s) (3164617) **4.15 Talespin** (s) (9581487) **4.40 Kappatoo.** Episode two of the science fiction adventure (r) (1117075)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8011384)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (673471)
6.00 London Tonight. The guests are Phil Collins, Clive Owen and, with a song, Luke Goss. (Teletext) (85704)
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Celebrity home show introduced by Sir David Frost with Loyd Grossman. This week's panellists are Nina Myskow, Nicky Campbell and Carol Vorderman. (Teletext) (s) (4758)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (723)
8.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. Bland, well-intentioned drama series set in post civil war America and starring Jane Seymour as a doctor who takes up a post in Colorado Springs and runs into prejudice because the locals were expecting a man. (Teletext) (5907)



Dennis Waterman and Susan George (9.00pm)

9.00 Stay Lucky. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (8471)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (50520) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (507549)
10.40 The London Programme. A look at Britain's fastest growing religious movement — the London Church of Christ (685100)
11.10 Beverly Hills 90210. American teenage drama series. (Teletext) (s) (909988)
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (s) (3623691)
1.05 Whale On. A James Whale-dominated discussion and music show (2166360)
2.10 American Gladiators. The super-fit in trials of strength and strategy (5754650)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Richard Blade reviews the latest American film releases (7015563)
3.50 Austin City Limits. Country music (1216476)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial about an aristocratic family in the perfume business (51650)
5.30 ITN Morning News with John Draper (66921). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) (84536) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon (2804162)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (76617)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (77297)
9.30 The Great Electrical Revolution. A short film set in Depression-ridden Saskatchewan (r) (7583452)
9.55 Tebaldi's Airs. Puppet animation by Jacques Houdin based on an aria from Ponchielli's opera *La Gioconda* (7287891)
10.00 New Kids on the Block — On Tour (r) (49075)
10.30 Gamesmaster. Video and computer games magazine (r) (66181)
11.00 Miraculous Mellops (r) (4681655) **11.25 The Henderson Kids** (r) (4684742)
11.55 Zeno is Ill. Plasticine animation (8091452) **12.00 Dick Spanner.** Gerry Anderson's animated adventures of a private detective (r) (57433)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (16159) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (87972742)
1.55 American Chronicles: Class of '65. An unusual documentary about a high school reunion, made by *Twin Peaks* director David Lynch and narrated by Richard Dreyfuss (r) (87957433)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races (77738079)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (636)
5.00 Vegetable Plots. A documentary about the hazards of nature and vandalism for vegetable growers on allotments in Ponders End, north London (r). (Teletext) (1471)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenaged girl living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (29)
6.30 Happy Days. Vintage American comedy starring, this week, Phil Silvers and his daughter Cathy. (Teletext) (181)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Shanaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (591182)
7.50 First Reaction. An appreciation of Dame Ninette de Valois by television producer Stephen Phillips (s) (604162)
8.00 Europe Express. Klaus Schwagrzmna travels on the "drugs motorway" which links Holland, Belgium and France; Mieke van der Wey is in Oslo where feminists are taking to task owners of the city's new topless bars; and Stefan Rybar in Bucharest reports on how the charity Caritas is helping to rehabilitate homeless children who have been reduced to prostitution in order to feed themselves (8520)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7655)
9.00 Garden Club. Rebecca Pow, Roy Lancaster and Matthew Biggs visit small gardens in the Cheddar Valley. (Teletext) (5891)
9.30 Cheers. Rebecca is dreaming of a life of luxury after being invited to a party by the wealthy Mr Gaines. (Teletext) (s) (88891)



Long-lost cousins: Arnold, Collins (10.00pm)

10.00 Roseanne. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (58162)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Michael Winner, Glenys Kinnock and the reincarnated Laurel Phelan (s) (750549)
11.10 Guns 'n' Roses — Use Your Illusion. The rock band recorded at the Hippodromede Vincennes during their 1992 tour (63532075)
1.15am It's Showtime at the Apollo. Guests include soul singer Freddie Jackson and comedienne Phyllis Stickney (r) (5854679). Ends at **2.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (7417520) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (8011384) **6.00-6.25** Home and Away (462568) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (311471) **10.45** Anglia Live (553907) **11.45** Love and War (402079) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (3823899) **2.05** Raw Power (2426747) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3500583) **4.00** Musical Routes (90619) **4.30** Rivera (92481655) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1289259)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.15 Country Practice (428452) **1.45** Home and Away (427723) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (9758365) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7417520) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8011384) **6.00** Home and Away (462568) **6.25-7.00** Central News (311471) **10.40** Crime Stalker (685100) **11.10** Film: Another Woman's Child (917758) **1.00** Whale On (95145) **2.00** The Beat (79327) **3.00** Entertainment UK (63327) **4.00** Jobfinder (7478476) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5063834)

GRANADA

As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (428452) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (427723) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8011384) **6.00** Home and Away (87) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (839) **10.40** Married...with Children (685100) **11.10** Juice (975926) **11.40** The War of the Worlds (253346) **12.35-1.05** Love and War (90902111) **2.05** Raw Power (2426747) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3500583) **4.00** Musical Routes (90619) **4.30** Rivera (92481655) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1289259)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.45 Fashion File (427723) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (9758365) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7417520) **6.00** HTV News (87) **6.30-7.00** Great Westerners (839) **10.40** Love at First Sight (685100) **11.10-1.05** The 1993 World Music Awards (550907) **2.05** Raw Power (2426747) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3500583) **4.00** Musical Routes (90619) **4.30** Rivera (92481655) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1289259)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.10** Sportsman's Bar

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.15-3.10 Highway to Heaven (9758365) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7417520) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (85704) **10.40** Film: 10 To Midnight (17967704) **12.25-1.05** Sledge Hammer (2664018) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5488871) **2.35** Raw Power (3143292) **3.35** Cue the Music (9555259) **4.30** Zoro (92481655) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (51650)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Lacy and the Mississippi Queen (Kathleen Lloyd, Debra Feuer) (6944346) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7417520) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (147605) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (839) **10.40** Point of Order (685100) **11.10-1.05** Film: Golden Gate (Jean Simmons, Perry King, Richard Kiley) (917758) **2.05** The Big E (2438582) **3.00** Film: Come and Get It (9824953) **4.45-5.30** The Twilight Zone (3247968)

ULSTER

As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (85704) **10.40** Kelly (8526984) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (3823899) **2.05** Raw Power (2426747) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3500583) **4.00** Musical Routes (90619) **4.30** Riviera (92481655) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1289259)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (427723) **2.15** The Sullivans (419704) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2854094) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7417520) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Life (85704) **10.40** Crime Stalker (685100) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (829177) **12.10-1.05** Live on Stage (3823899) **2.05** Raw Power (2426747) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3500583) **4.00** Musical Routes (90619) **4.30** Riviera (92481655) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1289259)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Lacy and the Mississippi Queen (6944346) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (7417520) **5.55** Calendar (147605) **6.30-7.00** Battle of the Bands (839) **10.40** Musical Routes (685100) **11.10-1.05** Film: Golden Gate (917758) **2.05** The Big E (2438582) **3.00** Film: Come and Get It (9824953) **4.45-5.30** The Twilight Zone

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (76817) **9.00** Brecwest O'r Urdd (77297) **9.30** The Great Electrical Revolution (7583452) **9.55** La Gioconda (72878911) **10.00** New Kids on the Block (49075) **10.30** Gamesmaster (66181) **11.00** Miraculous Mellops (4681655) **11.25** The Henderson Kids (4684742) **11.55** Zeno is Ill (8091452) **12.00** Dick Spanner (57433) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (90605) **1.00** Dr Snuggles (79704) **1.30** Bird Of Ill Omen (87972742) **1.55** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd (39280384) **3.30** Channel 4 Racing (3176452) **3.50** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd (3783084) **4.30** Slot 'Steddfod (836) **5.00** Fifteen To One (9636) **5.30** Brookside (968) **6.00** News (813278) **6.10** Heno (406346) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2100) **7.30** Pigion Y Dydd (59094) **8.30** News (594471) **8.55** Pawb A'I Fam (696520) **9.45** First Frame (492075) **10.00** Roseanne (58162) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (750549) **11.10** Guns 'n' Roses — Use Your Illusion (63532075) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (29965033) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4491810) **9.10** Cartoons (2226549) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (20891) **10.00** Card Sharks (7456162) **10.25** Concentration (7104839) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1943452) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (39075) **11.30** Falcon Crest (19839) **12.30pm** E Street (31907) **1.00** Another World (9590100) **1.45** Santa Barbara (386407) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (7435569) **3.15** Different Strokes (949210) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8255520) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7433) **6.00** Games World (4075) **6.30** E Street (8655) **7.00** Rescue (8162) **7.30** Family Ties (4839) **8.00** WWF Mania (68029) **9.00** Code 3 (59839) **9.30** Xposure (44471) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (78452) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (36013) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (80948) **6.30** News and Business Report (727668) **8.30** Nightline (15723) **10.30** 48 Hours (77029) **11.30** International Business Report (50051) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (75617) **1.30** Good Morning America (76345) **2.30** 48 Hours (48100) **3.30** Nightline (74157) **4.30** News and Business Report (4452) **5.00** Live at Five (14013) **6.30** News and Business Report (23861) **7.30** 48 Hours (5181) **10.30** Nightline (29094) **11.30** ABC News (82075) **12.30am** 48 Hours (19747) **1.30** ABC News (71360) **2.30** Getaway (40850) **3.30** ABC News (13495) **4.30** Those Were The Days (24940) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (18655)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (8488758)
10.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): Robert Urich, Ali MacGraw and family are cast adrift in the Pacific (35723)
12.00 Sugarland Express (1974): Goldie Hawn springs her husband from jail (87669)
2.00pm Huckleberry Finn (1974): Musical version of Mark Twain's classic (69704)
4.00 The Hostage Tower (1980): Alistair MacLean's thriller (2365)
6.00 Survive the Savage Sea (as 10am) (88050617) **7.40 US Top Ten** (354520)
8.00 Mermaids (1990): Comedy-drama with Cher and Winona Ryder (84013)
10.00 Cover-Up (1991): Reporter Dolph Lundgren combats evil CIA boss Louis Gossett Jr (576949)
11.35 King of the Kickboxers (1989): Revenge thriller with Loren Avedon (146013)
1.10am Death of a Schoolboy (1991): Drama about the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand (9639259)
2.40 52 Pick-Up (1986): Roy Scheider is blackmailed by porn merchants (263501)
4.30 Nowhere to Hide (1987): Amy Madigan's husband is murdered (29495). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Spy Who Came in from the Cold (1966): Richard Burton infiltrates the KGB (43758)
8.00 The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid (1972): Western adventure (42075)
10.00 Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice (1969): Wife-swapping comedy (95662181). Ends at **12.05am**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Appointment With Danger (1949, b/w): Alan Ladd and Phyllis Calvert team up to solve a murder (54278)
8.00 Felix the Cat — The Movie (1990): Cartoon adventure (7050182)
9.20 The Nutcracker Prince (1990): Cartoon with Tchaikovsky's music (7703094)
10.40 Abbott and Costello in the Foreign Legion (1950, b/w): Comedy (9302452)
12.00 The Pleasure of His Company (1961): Fred Astaire returns home for his daughter's wedding (33462541)
2.10pm The Purple People Eater (1988): Neil Patrick Harris plays an enchanted record and conjures up a purple alien (259100)
4.00 Felix the Cat — The Movie (as 8am) (8097)
5.00 The Fire in the Stone (1985): Teenagers retrieve stolen opals (70810)
8.00 Alice (1990): Mia Farrow stars in Woody Allen's romantic comedy (82855)
10.00 Servants of the Twilight (1992): Religious zealouts embark on a mission to kill a six-year-old boy (729075)
11.40 Puppet Master II: Toulon's Revenge (1991): The killer dolls go to war against the Nazis (198655)
1.05am Track 29 (1988): Theresa Russell has an affair with Gary Oldman (9821230)
2.35 Siddeo (1969): Gangster comedy with Jackie Gleason (378143)
4.15 Janis (1975): Docu-drama about Janis Joplin (891105). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (45297) **7.00** Watersports World (40452) **8.00** British Motorsport (41181) **9.00** Prime Bodies (83471) **9.30** Sports Special (10013) **10.00** US PGA Golf (87609) **12.00** Cycling: The Milk Race (55556) **1.00pm** Beckenham Tennis (53819988) **5.15** Horse Racing: From Goodwood and Haydock Park (53120297) **8.00** Cycling: The Milk Race (20839) **9.00** US PGA Golf (23926) **11.00** Beckenham Tennis (41742) **1.00am** Motor World (97583) **1.30-2.00** Fishing the West (27292)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (64810) **8.00** NBA Basketball (24758) **10.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (60094) **11.00** Tennis: French Open (4860182) **6.00pm** NBA Basketball (4471) **8.30** Eurosport News (5723) **7.00** Honda Motorsport (87177) **8.00** American Ice Hockey (15907) **9.00** Tennis: French Open (28471) **10.00** Boxing (37818) **11.00** Basketball: USA v Germany (61723) **12.00** Motorcycling (58940) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (44259)

UK GOLD

7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3429100) **7.30** Neighbours (3415907) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4564365) **8.30** East-Enders (4563836) **9.00** The Bill (4554988) **9.30** The Brothers (9594810) **10.30** Tanko Reunion (1680365) **11.30** Happy Ever after (7402015) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4567452) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6490723) **1.00** EastEnders (3428471) **1.30** The Bill (6499094) **2.00** Never the Twain (4277297) **2.30** Solo (7999471) **3.00** Dallas (3802051) **4.00** Dynasty (4157948) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4266649) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7073487) **6.00** Neighbours (7990100) **6.30** The Brothers (6524094) **7.30** Never the Twain (7987636) **8.00** EastEnders (4257433) **8.30** Solo (4276568) **9.00** Tenko (6015617) **10.00** The Bill (4568181) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (4857029) **11.00** The Best of the Goodies (3707407) **11.30** Dr Who (2832636) **12.00** Film. The Brain Eaters (1958, b/w) starring Edwin Nelson and Alan Frost (79885768) **1.05-2.00am** Video Bites (9909143)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (71297) **7.00** RatKan II (373851) **8.00** Jack in the Box (10100) **11.00** Stories Without Words (41685) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (10988) **12.00** Wreckers at Dead Eye (40278) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (59926) **2.00** Stories Without Words (6988) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1100) **3.00** Baber (3910452) **3.25** RatKan II (39226487) **5.00** Electric Stringvest (9075) **6.00-7.00** Fame (39162)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Where Have All the Amphibians Gone? **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Stewart Collins. Including Haydn (Symphony No 79 in F); Françaix (Quartet for flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon); Britten (Overture, Paul Bunyan), Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Cui (Suite Concertante: Takako Nishizaki, violin; Hong Kong PO under Kenneth Schermerhorn); Rimsky-Korsakov (Mozart and Salieri: Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra under Mark Ermler, with Alexander Fedin, tenor, Yevgeny Nesterenko, bass, Vera Chasovennaya, piano, Sergei Girshenko, violin)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Schumann (Overture, Julius Caesar); Dvořák (Slavonic Rhapsody No 2: BBC Concert Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury). **10.33** Artist of the Week: Murray Perahia, piano, plays Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: New York PO under Zubin Mehta); Roussel (Serenade for flute, harp and string trio: Melos Ensemble); Charpentier (Incidental music, Andromède: London Baroque under Charles Medlam); Saint-Saens (Ballet, Javotte: BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth)
12.00 Schoenberg and Schubert: Margaret Price, soprano, James Lockhart, piano, Thea King, clarinet, perform Schoenberg (Das Buch der hängenden Gärten); Schubert (Das Lied im Grünen; Herbst; Der Winterabend; Der Hirt auf dem Felsen) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Music for a While: Singers All. The second of two programmes of music for the church, court and tavern, by Purcell and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The second afternoon's play from Old Trafford. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Trevor Bailey and David Lloyd provide expert comment. **3.45-4.00** During the tea interval, Dave Edmundson reviews early-season events in the Lancashire leagues
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 BBC Welsh SO in Vienna under Tadaaki Otaka, recorded last November in the Konzerthaus. Alun Hoddinott (Passeggio, Op 94); Bartók (Piano Concerto No 3: Paul Crossley); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
9.15 Three Score Miles and Ten: Twenty-four Hours in Metro-Land. David Horovitch reads the last of six Graham Greene travel sketches
9.25 I Will Awake the Dawn: The BBC Singers under John Poole perform Robert Sexton's piece, which he wrote for them on a BBC commission (r)
9.50 Chamber Music from Manchester: Trulis Mork, cello, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, perform Grieg (Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 36); Debussy (Cello Sonata in D minor); Tchaikovsky (Pezzo capriccioso)
10.45 The Empty Jew: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney presents a mix of complex written scores and free improvisation from the London Musicians' Collective Festival of Experimental Music held last weekend
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Great Meadow: Dirk Bogarde reads the final episode from his book of childhood reminiscences **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Kaye Webb, founder of Puffin Books for children (r)
9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 In the Company. Archives (FM only): In the second of four programmes on Britain's corporate past, Nigel Farrell investigates social outings for the workers
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Sir John Gielgud reads the tenth of 13 parts
10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Purves explains why the office can be fun. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by George Macpherson
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper reports on the technology that enables seasonal produce to be in our supermarkets throughout the year **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: My Son, My Son, by Howard Spring. Third of a five-part dramatisation. With Ronald Pickup as William Essex (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Harry Patterson, alias Jack Higgins, talks to Nigel Forde about his career
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford; listens to the music of Donald Fagan; and talks to James Hamilton Patterson about his book, *Griefwork*
4.45 Short Story: A Little Place Off the Edgware Road, by Graham Greene. Reader John Rowe (r)
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin with the transport programme
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Wolverton, Bucks, by MPs David Rendel and Dennis Skinner; Helena Kennedy, QC; and Lord Tebbit
8.50 Stop Press, presented by John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Telling Stories. Chris Eldon Lee discovers that the art of story-telling is enjoying a revival in pubs, clubs and private homes (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe. Adapted and read by Jeremy Nicholas (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 The Sounds of Yesterday — Love and Hate: Asa Briggs searches through the BBC's written archives to find out what upset listeners during the war years (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

SHORT CHOICE

The Empty Jew. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
Frederic Raphael narrates what is in effect a dramatised lecture based on studies of the religious disputes between Muslim, Christian and Jew in the 11th and 12th centuries. This is the first part of his "piece for radio" in which he encounters, "looking out of an English window on an unreliable continent", a number of characters as he travels through North Africa from Spain in 1954. It is an exploration of his own roots and those of Judaism and he is stimulated in his quest by some intellectual duelling with a Jewish official played by Edward de Souza and an American honeymoon couple who are portrayed by Lou Hirsch and Eleanor Bron. The second part can be heard next Friday.

Radio 2 Arts Programme. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*
Two hours of solid Yorkshire fare presented by Austin Mitchell, MP, from the thirteenth annual Swaledale Rural Arts Festival. The comedian, writer and rambler Mike Harding tops the bill, and there is some lowdown on the series *All Creatures Great and Small* from the producer Bill Sellers. Also featured is the local Parish Choir performing the Swaledale anthem. **Kenneth Gosling**

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Omens grim until Gooch's side revives its first Test fortunes in final hour

Taylor century holds England at bay

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of five; England won toss): Australia have scored 242 for five wickets against England

THE pattern of the 1989 Ashes series was imposed by its opening day, when England chose to field first and an unknown Australian named Mark Taylor ground out 136. The nightmare was revisited in the first Cornhill Test here yesterday, with another insertion and another century for Taylor. For England, the omens were shocking to contemplate until, in the day's extra hour, the game dramatically changed character.

It seemed that Graham Gooch had secured a precious advantage by winning the toss, when the match began an hour late on a wet Old Trafford pitch. Only with hindsight could his decision to bowl be questioned, for the surface and weather made it an obvious move. Allan Border would doubtless have done the same.

But this pitch belied its sporting appearance and sulked, under leaden skies. The ball hardly moved off the seam and none of the quicker bowlers swung it regularly. But it did turn, at first slowly but then with increasing venom under the evening sun.

From 183 for one at 5.30pm, Australia declined to 232 for five against the combined spin of Peter Such, taking three wickets on his first day in Test cricket, and Phil Tufnell, who deserved better than his one. The Manchester crowd was roused by this revival, but they should be cautious. Australia, with runs banked and Border still batting, have only one spin bowler in their side, Shane Warne, but he is a potential match-winner.

Taylor's 124 may prove to have been the critical innings. His 839 runs in that one-sided series four years ago, guaranteed he would not be easily forgotten, but his career graph has dipped significantly this past year, and he must have welcomed his return to England.

His method remains unfussy, economical, for he is a tradesman not a craftsman. But as the cherished on-drive began to work with ease and the stray leg-stump balls were dismissed with contempt, English memories stirred and hearts sank.

Maybe only David Gower could afford a wry smile as he heard the news. As captain in 1989, he later confessed he had acted against his better judgment when bowling first at Headingley and handing a sumptuous menu to a hungry batsman. Yesterday, Gower was scoring 153 for Hampshire at Trent Bridge as Gooch made the same move, if for better reasons and with a clearer mind.

There was a contrariness to England's final selection, in which DeFreitas, a man not originally chosen, was preferred to Ilott, who was. It hinted at selectors drawing back from the brink of bravery and did not sit comfortably with the progressive talk of earlier this week. Ilott is entitled to feel as bemused as Mark Lathwell, who was shown the big-match atmosphere as drinks waiter in the Texaco Trophy, then shown the door when the really big matches began.

DeFreitas did nothing early on to warrant inclusion. But neither did Andy Caddick or Chris Lewis. All three were troubled by the greasy run-ups and tormented by a pitch which promised far more than it delivered.

Only two balls beat the bat in the first hour. Taylor and Michael Slater played extremely well, the young debutant fed from the confidence of his fellow townsman of Wagga Wagga. Both slow bowlers were employed well before lunch and quickly looked the likelier wicket-takers. But in the same over from Tufnell, the Australian players on the balcony were on their twice feet to acclaim the openers' half-centuries. It may become a familiar sight this summer.

DeFreitas was recalled, more on a process of rotation than with any confidence. His early spell had been inexpensive but undemanding, which sums up too much of his England career. Until yesterday, his 22 Test wickets against Australia had cost almost 45 runs apiece and the one he added here was a batsman's gift. Slater, always prone to impetuosity, lapsed now by trying to pull a long hop from a foot outside off stump and could only top-edge it to the wicketkeeper.

DeFreitas soon produced a more deserving ball, swinging away from the left-handed Taylor, and when Graeme Hick, of all people, dropped the straightforward chance at second slip, England must have feared the worst.

The batsmen could never quite take command, however, and when David Boon was caught at the second attempt by Chris Lewis at slip, Australia began to wobble.

Taylor drove sixes off each spinner with studied precision, but then both he and Mark Waugh were deceived in the flight and out to return catches. As the pressure built and the ball spun regularly, Steve Waugh aimed an airy drive at Such and was bowled through the gate. Border grimly ensured that it did not become a burst floodgate.

Slater's promise, page 42

David Gower, England's leading run-scorer in Test cricket but overlooked for Old Trafford, scored 153 for Hampshire yesterday, his fiftieth first-class century. He made his runs out of a total of 297 for six against Nottinghamshire. Report, page 42



PHIL STEWART

Across the line: Taylor, the Australian opener, smacks a loose ball unceremoniously for four in the Old Trafford gloom yesterday

SCORECARD FROM THE FOURTH TEST

England won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M A Taylor c and b Such — *Chest high straight push*	124	2	12	325	234
M J Slater c Stewart b DeFreitas — *Attempting to pull short ball*	58	—	7	165	131
D C Boon c Lewis b Such — *edge to slip taken at second attempt*	21	—	1	107	90
M E Waugh c and b Tufnell — *low straight drive*	6	—	—	41	37
*A R Border not out	9	—	—	44	28
S R Waugh b Such — *bowled between bat and pad*	3	—	—	19	19
†I A Healy not out	6	—	1	16	25

Extras (lb 8, nb 7) 15

Total (5 wkts, 363 min, 92 overs) 242

B P Julian, M G Hughes, S K Warne and C J McDermott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128 (Taylor 63), 2-183 (Taylor 92), 3-221 (Taylor 123), 4-225 (Border 3), 5-232 (Border 6).

BOWLING: Caddick 15-4-38-0 (nb1; 6-2-16-0, 5-0-15-0, 4-2-7-0); DeFreitas 20-8-33-1 (nb3; 8-3-14-0, 6-3-7-1, 6-2-12-0); Lewis 13-2-44-0 (nb4; 4-1-13-0, 9-1-31-0); Such 23-5-54-3 (7-1-26-0, 16-4-28-3); Tufnell 21-4-65-1 (nb3; 11-2-32-0, 10-2-33-1).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Start delayed until 12 noon (overnight rain). Lunch 58-0 (Taylor 26, Slater 30) in 22 overs. Tea 158-1 (Taylor 77, Boon 14) in 55 overs.

ENGLAND: *G A Gooch, M A Atherton, R A Smith, M W Gatting, G A Hick, †A J Stewart, C C Lewis, A R Caddick, P M Such, P A J DeFreitas, P C R Tufnell.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

Taylor to stay as manager despite criticism

BY JOHN GOODBODY

GRAHAM Taylor will remain as England manager despite the 2-0 defeat in Norway, widespread criticism of his team, and the odds against the national side qualifying for the World Cup finals in the United States next year.

Taylor stressed yesterday that he would not resign and the Football Association insisted that he would remain as manager, at least until the qualifying tournament is completed.

Taylor accepted yesterday that "as the manager you have to take whatever anyone throws at you. I accept that. It goes with the job."

Peter Swales, the chairman of the FA's international committee, said there was no threat to Taylor's job. "The question does not arise. The World Cup campaign has not finished. We are not out of it yet and he has our full confidence."

Taylor yesterday received support from his predecessor, Bobby Robson, who was constantly criticised during his eight years in the job but, in 1990, led England to the World Cup semi-final for only the second time.

Speaking on BBC Radio 5, Robson, now manager of Sporting Lisbon in Portugal, said: "My feeling is one of sympathy for him. I know what he is going through. When it happened to me, I did not feel very well. We are human, after all.

"My advice to him is not to pay too much attention to it, be tough and carry on. He needs some help but, knowing Graham, he will handle it well. Everyone who is responsible should now be rallying round him. Remember there are still games left."

Heavy policing may have stopped the English supporters from launching any repetition of the hooliganism that led to 83 people being arrested before the game.

The supporters were released without being charged; Norway wanted them to be prosecuted in England, while Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, telephoned the Norwegian Foreign Minister to urge her to have the hooligans charged in Oslo.

Tabloid response, page 1

Fernandez features in tale of the unexpected



Graf: regained No 1 slot

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THE women's semi-finals at the French Open provoked nothing but pity and embarrassment here yesterday. They were both so one-sided that the crowd, as well as being disenchanted by the poor quality of tennis, merely sympathised with the heavy losers. Nobody, though, had expected one to be Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the second seed.

She had already reached six finals, and won four of them, this year and had been considered virtually assured of qualifying for another. Perhaps she thought so herself. Instead, she went down 6-2, 6-2 in only 79 minutes to Mary-Joe Fernandez, who had previously beaten her only once and that on grass.

Sánchez Vicario could give no logical explanation for a display so errant that she was missing targets by feet rather than inches. "Everything I was trying to do was not working," she said. "Today was not a good day." It was for Fernandez but not wholly beyond her own expectations.

Since being 6-1, 5-1 and match point down to Gabriela Sabatini in the quarter-finals, she decided to adopt an aggressive, carefree attitude. It paid off spectactularly and she found that, at last, she could put into practice a theory she and her coach, Harold Solomon, had devised more than a year ago.

"I was always taught as a little girl to hit the ball back and not make any mistakes," she said. "It takes a while to change that."

With Sánchez Vicario temporarily going in the opposite direction, Fernandez was able to gain revenge for her defeat by precisely the same score in the 1989 semi-finals.

Anke Huber, the 18-year-old German No 2, could do nothing to prevent her senior compatriot, Steffi Graf, from inflicting a similar defeat. As in Florida earlier in the year, the last time they met, Graf won 6-1, 6-1, and in an even quicker time than Fernandez, 50 minutes.

Huber's own words encapsulated her meagre contribution. "I just played terrible," she said. Graf thus regained her No 1 world ranking, at the expense of the injured and absent Monica Seles.

But there was no cause for celebration. When asked how she felt about her elevation, she responded curtly: "I don't care about it."

Fernandez has never beaten Graf. Ten times she has tried in vain and Sánchez Vicario has no doubt about her fate when she attempts to end the sequence. "Can she win the final on Saturday?" she was asked. Her reply was equally crisp: "No."

Marc Goellner and David Prinosil, the unseeded Germans, reached the men's doubles final yesterday. After beating Wally Masur and Mark Kratzman, the No 3 seeds, from Australia, in the quarter-finals, Goellner and Prinosil eliminated the top-seeded pairing of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, also from Australia, in straight sets.

They won 7-6, 6-2, taking the first set on a 10-8 tie-break, and now play Luke and Murphy Jensen, of the United States, who beat Stefan Edberg and Petr Korda 7-6, 6-1 in their semi-final.

□ Brenda Schultz, the defending champion, has withdrawn from the DFS Classic women's tournament at Edgbaston next week. Schultz, of Holland, injured her shoulder during the French Open. Amanda Coetzer, from South Africa, has made a late entry into the event and will be seeded No. 2.

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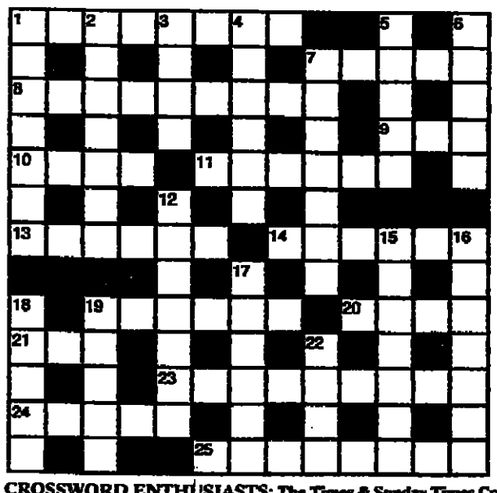
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14 Move out (6)
19 Angelic child (6)
20 Expensive (4)
21 Route (3)
23 Advertise (9)
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25 Strong liking (8)

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4 Last (6)
5 Dodge work (5)
6 Unlawful act (5)
7 Scheming woman (7)
12 Dishevelled (7)
15 Washington republic (7)
16 In every hundred (3,4)
17 Broken bricks (6)
18 Overwhelm (5)
19 Events sequence (5)
22 Supreme commander (1,2,1)

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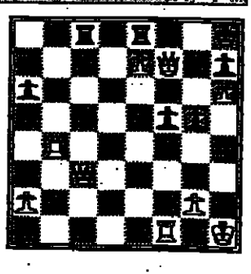
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Caturjan — Mellier, USSR 1983. White to play and win. This is a tough puzzle, so congratulations are in order if you can pick your way through it.

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WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

RIPOLIN
a. The dwarf panda
b. Synthetic oil
c. A sort of paint

TANGANA
a. A hybrid citrus fruit
b. A jazz rhythm
c. A Tanganyikan woman

TANGA
a. A jazz rhythm
b. The bottom of a bikini
c. A tangerine pear

CHOWCHILLA
a. An Australian bird
b. The female chinchilla
c. A refrigerated box

Answers on page 39

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